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**Fiue hundreth pointes of
good Husbandrie, as well for the
Champion or Open countrie, as
also for the Woodland or Seuerall,
mixed in euery month with Huswiferie,
ouer and besides the booke of
Huswiferie:**

**Corrected, better ordered, and newlie augmented
to a fourth part more, with diuers other lessons, as
a diet for the farmer, of the properties of winds,
planets, hops, herbs, bees, and approoued
remedies for sheepe and cattell, with
manie other matters both pro-
fitable and not vneasant
for the Reader.**

**Also a table of Husbandrie at the beginning
of this booke: and another of Huswiferie
at the end, for the better and easier
finding of anie matter con-
tained in the same.**

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A lesson how to confer euerie abstract
with his month, and how to find out
Huswiferie verses by the
Pilcrow, and Champion
from Woodland.

In euerie month, yer in aught be begun,
Read ouer that month, what auails to be dun:
So neither this trauell, shall seeme to be lost,
Nor thou to repent, of this trifling cost.

The figure of abstract, and month doe agree,
Which one to another, relations bee:
These verses so short, without figure that stand,
Be points of themselues to be taken in hand.

In husbandrie matters, where Pilcrow ye find,
That verse apperteineth, to huswiferie kind:
So haue ye mo lessons (if there ye looke well)
Than huswiferie booke, dooth vtter oꝝ tell.

Of Champion husbandrie, now doe I write,
Which heretofore neuer, this booke did recite:
With lessons approued, by practise and skill,
To profit the ignorant, buy it that will.

The Champion differs, from Seuerall much,
For want of partition, closier and such:
One name to them both, doe I giue now and than,
For Champion countrie, and Champion man.



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William Paget, wherein he doth discourse
of his owne bringing vp, and of the good-
nes of the said Lord his master vnto him,
and the occasion of this his booke,
thus set forth of his owne
long practise.

Chap. I.

T Time trieth the troth in euerie thing,
T Herewith let men content their mind,
H Of works which best may profit bring,
O Most rash to iudge most often blind,
M As therefore troth in time shall craue,
A So let this booke iust fauour haue.

T Take you my Lord and maister than,
V Vnlesse mischance mischanceth me,
S Such homelie gift of me your man,
S Since more in Court I may not be.
A And let your praise woon heretofore,
R Remaine abroad for euermore.

M My seruing you (this vnderstand)
A And God his helpe and yours withall,
D Did cause good lucke to take mine hand,
E Erecting one most like to fall.

M My seruing you I know it was,
E Enforced this to come to passe.

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Since

The Epistle.

*Since being once at Cambridge taught,
 Of court ten yeeres I made assay,
 No musicke then was left vnfaught,
 Such care I had to serue that way:
 When ioy gan slake then made I change,
 Expelled mirth for musicke strange.
 My musicke since hath bene the plough,
 Intangled with some care among,
 The gaine not great, the paine inough,
 Hath made me sing another song:
 Which song if well I may auow,
 I craue it iudged be by you.*

Your seruant Thomas Tuffer.





¶ To the right honorable and my speciall good Lord and Maister, the Lord
Thomas Paget of Beaudefert, sonne
and heire to his late father
deceased.

Chap. 2.

MY Lord, your father looued me,
and you my Lord haue prooued me,
and both your loues haue mooued me,
to write as here is donne:
Since God hath hence your father,
such flowers as I gather,
I dedicate now rather,
to you my Lord his sonne.

Your father was my founder,
till death became his wounder,
no subiect euer founder,
whom prince aduancement gaue:
As God did here defend him,
and honor here did send him,
so will I here commend him,
as long as life I haue.

His neighbours then did blisse him,
his seruants now doo misse him,
the poore would gladlie kisse him,
aliue againe to be:

But God hath wrought his pleasure,
and blest him out of measure,
with heauen and earthlie treasure,
so good a God is he.

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His

His counsell had I vsed,
 and *Ceres* art refused,
 I need not thus haue mused,
 nor droope as now I doo:
 But I must play the farmer,
 and yet no whit the warmer,
 although I had his armer,
 and other comfort too.

AEfops
 fable.

The fox dooth make me mind him,
 whose glorie so did blind him,
 till taile cut off behind him,
 no fare could him content:
 Euen so must I be proouing,
 such glorie I had in loouing,
 of things to plow behoouing,
 that makes me now repent.

Salust.

Loiterers I kept so meanie,
 both Philip, Hob, and Cheanie,
 that, that waie nothing geanie,
 was thought to make me thriue:
 Like *Iugurth* prince of *Numid*,
 my gold away consumid,
 with losses so persumid,
 was neuer none aliue.

Great fines so neere did pare me,
 great rent so much did skare me,
 great charge so long did dare me,
 that made me at length crie creake:
 Much more of all such fleeces,
 as oft I lost by peeces,
 among such wile geeces,
 I list no longer speake.

Though cuntry health long staid me,
 yet lease expiring fraid me,

and

and (*Ictus sapit*) praid me,
to seeke more steadie staie:
New lessons then I noted,
and some of them I quoted,
least some should thinke I doted,
by bringing naught awaie.

Though *Pallas* hath denide me,
hir learned pen to guide me,
for that she dailie spide me,
with countrie how I stood:
Yet *Ceres* so did bold me,
with hir good lessons told me,
that rudenes cannot hold me,
from dooing countrie good.

By practise and ill speeding,
these lessons had their breeding,
and not by hearesaie or reeding,
as some abroad haue blowne:
Who will not thus beleue me,
so much the more they greeue me,
because they grudge to geeue me,
that is of right mine owne.

At first for want of teaching,
at first for trifles breaching,
at first for ouer-reaching,
and lacke of taking hid:
was cause that tosse so tost me,
that practise so much cost me,
that rashnes so much lost me,
or hindred as it did.

Yet will I not despaier,
through Gods good gift so faier,
through friendship, gold, and praier,
in countrie againe to dwell:

Pallas
goddess of
wisdom &
cunning.

where

The Epistle.

Where rent so shall not paine me,
 but paines shall helpe to gaine me,
 and gaines shall helpe maintaine me,
 new lessōns mo to tell.

For citie seemes a wringer,
 the penie for to finger,
 from such as there doo linger,
 or for their pleasure lie:
 Though countrie be more painfull,
 and not so greedie gainfull,
 yet is it not so vainfull,
 in following fanfies eie.

I haue no labour wanted,
 to prune this tree thus planted,
 whose fruit to none is scanted,
 in house or yet in feeld:
 Which fruit, the more ye tast of,
 the more to eate ye hast of,
 the lesse this fruit ye wast of,
 such fruit this tree dooth yeeld.

My tree or booke thus framed,
 with title alreadie named,
 I trust goes forth vnblamed,
 in your good lordships name:
 As my good Lord I take you,
 and neuer will forsake you,
 so now I craue to make you,
 defender of the same.

Your seruant Thomas Tusser.



Chap. 3.

I Haue beene praid,
to shew mine aid,
in taking paine,
not for the gaine,
but for good will,
to shew such skill,
as shew I could:

That husbandrie,
with huswiferie,
as cocke and hen,
to countrie men,
all strangnes gone,
might ioine in one,
as louers should.

I trust both this,
performed is,
and how that here,
it shall appere,
with iudgement right,
to thy delight,
is brought to passe:

That such as wiue,
and faine would thrine,
be plainlie taught,
how good from naught,
may trim be tride,
and liuelie spide,
as in a glasse.

What should I win,
by writing in,
my losses past,
that ran as fast,

as running streame,
from reame to reame,
that flowes so swift?
For that I cold,
not get for gold,
to teach me how,
as this dooth yow,
through dailie gaine,
the waie so plaine,
to come by thrift.

What is a grote,
or twaine to note,
once in the life,
for man or wife,
to saue a pound,
in house or ground,
ech other weeke?
What more for health,
what more for wealth,
what needeth lesse,
run Iacke, helpe Besse,
to staie amis,
not hauing this,
far off to seeke?

I doo not craue,
mo thanks to haue,
than giuen to me,
alreadie be,
but this is all,
to such as shall,
peruse this booke:

That

That for my sake,
they gently take,
where ere they find,
against their mind,
when he or she,
shall minded be,
therein to looke.

And grant me now,
thou reader thow,
such termes to vse,
such choise to chuse,
as may delight,
the countrie wight,
and knowledge bring:
For such doo praise,
the countrie phraise,
the countrie acts,
the countrie facts,
the countrie toies,
before the ioies,
of anie thing.

Nor looke thou here,
that euerie there,
of euerie verse,

I thus reherse,
may profit take,
or vantage make,
by lessons such:
For here we see,
things seuerall bee,
and there no dike,
but champion like,
and sandie soile,
and claiey toile,
doo suffer much.

This being waid,
be not afraid,
to buy to proue,
to read with loue,
to follow some,
and so to come,
by practise true:
My paine is past,
thou warning hast,
th'experience mine,
the vantage thine,
may giue thee choice,
to crie to reioice,
and thus adue.

FINIS T. Tuffer.



¶ An

¶ An introduction to the Booke
of Husbandrie.

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Chap. 4.

Good husbandmen, must moile and toile,
to laie to liue, by laboured feild:
Their wines at home, must keepe such coile,
as their like actes, may profit yeld,

For well they know,
as shaft from bow,
or chalke from snow,

A good round rent, their lords they giue,
and must keepe such, in all their paie:
With credit crackt, else for to liue,
or trust to legs, and run awaie.

Though fense well kept, is one good point,
and filth well doone, in season due:
Yet needing salue, in time tannoint,
is all in all, and needfull true,

As for the rest,
thus thinke I best,
as friend dooth ghest,

With hand in hand, to leade thee forth,
to Ceres campe, there to behold:
A thousand things, as richlie woorth,
as any pearle, is woorthie gold.

Ceres
goddesse
of hus-
bandrie.

¶ A Preface to the buier of
this booke.

Chap. 5.

WHat lookest thou herein to haue?
Fine verses thy fanſie to pleaſe?
Of manie my betters that craue,
Looke nothing but rudenes in theaſe.

What other thing lookeſt thou then?
Graue ſentences manie to find?
Such Poets haue twentie and ten,
Yea thouſands contenting the mind.

What looke ye, I pray you ſhew what?
Termes painted with Rhetorike fine?
Good husbandrie ſeeketh not that,
Nor iſt anie meaning of mine.

What lookeſt thou, ſpeake at the laſt?
Good leſſons for thee and thy wife?
Then keepe them in memorie faſt,
To helpe as a comfort to life.

What looke ye for more in my booke?
Points needfull and meet to be knowne?
Then dailie be ſuer to looke,
To ſaue to be ſuer thine owne.

The

Chap.6.

*Let house haue to fill hir,
Let land haue to till hir.*

No dwellers, what profiteth house for to stand:
What goodnes, vnoccupied bringeth the land:
*No labour no bread,
No host we be dead.*

No husbandrie blessed, how soone shall we sterue:
Housekeeping neglected, what comfort to serue:
*Ill father no gift,
No knowledge no thrift.*

The father an vnchrist, what hope to the sonne:
The ruler vnskillfull, how quickly vndonne:

Chap.7.

As true as thy faith,
This riddle thus saith.

I Seeme but a drudge, yet I passe anie king,
To such as can vse me, great welth I do bring.
Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die,
When Noe was a shipman, there also was I.
The earth to sustaine me, the sea for my fish,
Be readie to pleasure me, as I would wish.
What hath any life, but I helpe to preserue,
What might without me, but is readie to sterue.
In woodland, in champion, citie or towne,
If long I be absent, what falleth not downe:
If long I be present, what goodnes can want:
Though things at my coming, were neuer so scant.
So manie as loue me, and vse me aright,
With trea ure and pleasure, I richlie acquight.
Great kings I do succour, else wrong it would go,
The king of all kings hath appointed it so.

*The
praise of
husbandrie.*

¶ The

Of husband, doth husbandrie challenge that name,
of husbandrie, husband doth likewise the same :
Where huswife and huswiferie, ioineth with the ale,
there wealth in abundance, is gotten with ease.

The name of a husband, what is it to say :
of wife and the household, the band and the stay :
Some husbandlie thziueth, that neuer had wife,
yet scarce a good husband, in goodnes of life.

The husband is he, that to labour dooth fall,
the labour of him, I doe husbandrie call :
If thrist by that labour, be any way caught,
then is it good husbandrie, else is it naught.

So household and householdrie, I doe define,
for folke and the goods, that in house be of thine :
Housekeeping to them, as a refuge is set,
which like as it is, so report it dooth get.

Be house or the furniture, neuer so rude,
of husband and husbandrie (thus I conclude :)
That huswife and huswiferie, if it be good,
must pleasure together, as cosins in blood.

The Ladder to thrift.

Chap. 9.

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| <p>Take thy calling thankfullie,
and shun the path to beggerie.</p> <p>2 To grudge in youth no dꝛudgerie,
to come by knowledge perfectlie.</p> <p>3 To count no trauell slauerie,
that byings in penie sauerlie.</p> <p>4 To follow profit earnestlie,
but meddle not with pilferie.</p> | <p>5 To get by honest practise,
and keepe thy gettings couertlie.</p> <p>6 To lash not out too lashinglie,
for feare of pinching penurie.</p> <p>7 To get good plot to occupie,
and store and vse it husbandlie.</p> <p>8 To shew to landlord courtesie,
and keepe thy covenants orderlie.</p> |
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The ladder to thrift.

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- 9 To hold that thine is lawfullie,
for stoutnes or for flatterie.
- 10 To wed good wife for companie,
and liue in wedlocke honestlie.
- 11 To furnish house with householdry,
and make provision skilfullie.
- 12 To soine to wife good familie,
and none to keepe for bzauerie.
- 13 To suffer none liue idelie,
for feare of idle knauerie.
- 14 To courage wife in huswiferie,
and vse well doers gentilitie.
- 15 To keepe no more but needfullie,
and count excesse vsauerie.
- 16 To raise betimes the lubberlie,
both snorting Hob and Pargerie.
- 17 To walke thy pastures vsuallie,
to spie ill neighbours subtiltie.
- 18 To hate reuengement hastilie,
for losing loue and amitie.
- 19 To loue thy neighbor neighborlie,
and shew him no discurtesie.
- 20 To answer strangers ciuillie,
but shew him not thy secrecie.
- 21 To vse no friend deceitfullie,
to offer no man villanie.
- 22 To learne how so to pacifie,
but trust him not too trustilie.
- 23 To keepe thy touch substantiallie,
and in thy word vse constancie.
- 24 To make thy bands aduisedlie,
& come not bound through suertie.
- 25 To meddle not with vsurie,
nor lend thy monie foolishlie.
- 26 To hate to liue in infamie,
through craft & liuing thifflinglie.
- 27 To shun all kind of treacherie,
for treason endeth horriblie.
- 28 To learne to eschew ill companie,
and such as liue dishonestlie.
- 29 To banish house of blasphemie,
least crosses crosse unluckilie.
- 30 To stop mischance through policie,
for chancing too unhappilie.
- 31 To beare thy crosses patientlie,
for worlddie things are slipperie.
- 32 To laie to keepe from miserie,
age conuning on so creepinglie.
- 33 To pray to God continuallie,
for aid against thine enimie.
- 34 To spend the Sabbath holilie,
and helpe the needie pouertie.
- 35 To liue in conscience quietlie,
and keepe thy selfe from maladie.
- 36 To ease thy sicknes speedilie,
per helpe be past recoverie.
- 37 To seeke to God for remedie,
for witches proue unluckilie.

These be the steps vnfaignedlie:
to clime to thrift by husbandrie.

These steps both reach, and teach thee shall,
To come by thrift, to shift withall.

B.i.

¶ Good



God sendeth & giueth, both mouth & the meat,
and blesteth vs all, with his benefits great:
Then serue we y^e God, that so richly doth giue,
shew loue to our neighbors, & lay for to liue.

2 As bud by appearing, betokeneth the spring,
and leafe by hir falling, the contrarie thing:

So youth bids vs labour, to get as we can,
for age is a burden, to laboring man.

3 A competent liuing, and honestie had,
makes such as are godlie, both thankfull and glad:
Life neuer contented, with honest estate,
lamented is oft, and repented too late.

4 Count neuer well gotten, that naughtlie is got,
nor well to account of, which honest is not:
Looke long not to prosper, that wastest not this,
least prospering faileth, and all go amisse.

Lie
wilelie to
marrie.

5 True wedlocke is best, for auoiding of sin,
the bed undefiled, much honour dooth win:
Though loue be in choosing, farre better than gold,
let loue come with somewhat, the better to hold.

Concord
bringeth
foison.

6 Where couples agræe not, is ranker and strife,
where such be together, is seldome good life:
Where couples in wedlocke, doo louelie agræe,
their foison remaineth, if wisdom there bee.

wife and
childzen
craue a
dwelling.

7 Who looketh to marrie, must lay to keepe house,
for loue may not alway, be plaieng with douse:
If childzen increase, and no stay of thine owne,
what afterward followes, is soone to be knowne.

Ther for
thrive.
Hottis
grudge.
Purses
craue.

8 Once charged with childzen, or likelie to bee,
giue ouer to subgerne, that thinkest to thee:
Least grutching of hottis, and crauing of nurse,
be costlie and noisome, to thee and thy purse.

Good husbandlie lessons.

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- 9 Good husbands that loueth, good houses to keepe,
are oftentimes carefull, when other doe sleepe :
To spend as they may, or to stop at the fursi,
for running in danger, or feare of the wurst.
- 10 Go count with thy coffers, when haruest is in,
which way for thy profit, to saue or to win :
Of tene of them both, if a sauer we sinell,
housekeeping is godlie, where euer we dwell.
- 11 Some thinke not thy monie, pursse bottom to burne,
but keepe it for profit, to serue thine owne turne :
A foole and his mome, be soone at debate,
which after with sorrow, repents him too late.
- 12 Good bargaine a doing, make priue but few,
in selling refraine not, abroad it to shew :
In making make haste, and away to thy pouch,
in selling no haste, if ye dare it auouch.
- 13 Good Landlord who findeth, is blessed of God,
a cumberfome Landlord, is husbandmans rod:
He noieth, destroyeth, and all to this drift,
to strip his poore tenant, of farne and of thrist.
- 14 Rent coine who so paieth (as worldlings would haue,
so much for an acre) must liue as a slaue :
Rent coine to be paid, for readnable rent,
at readnable prises, is not to lament.
- 15 Once placed for profit, looke neuer for ease,
except ye beware, of such michers as theate :
Unthriftines, slouthfulnes, carelesse, and rash,
that thrusteth thee headlong, to run in the lath.
- 16 Make monie thy drudge, for to follow thy warke,
make wisdomes controller, good order thy clarke :
Prouision cater, and skill to thy cooke,
make steward of all, pen, inke, and thy booke.
- 17 Make hunger thy sauce, as a medicine for health,
make thirst to be butler, as physicke for wealth :
Make eye to be vsher, good blage to haue,
make bolt to be porter, to keepe out a knaue.

A lue
with in
thy ted-
der.

By har-
uest is
ment all
thy stock.

Be thine
own purf
bearer.

Cruill
landlord.

Rent
coine.

Foure
beggars.

Thrifts
officers.

Thrifts
physicke.

B.ij.

18 Make

Thrifts
bailie.

18 Make husbandrie bailie, abroad to prouide,
make huswiferie dailie, at home for to guide:
Make cofer fast locked, thy treasure to keepe,
make house to be sure, the safer to sleepe.

Husband-
lie armoz.

19 Make bandog thy scoutwatch, to barke at a theefe,
make courage for life, to be capitaine cheefe:
Make trapdore thy bulwarke, make bell to be gin,
make gunstone and arrow, shew who is within.

Therues
to thrift.

20 The credit of maister, to brothell his man,
and also of mistresse, to miniken Jan:
Be causers of opening, a number of gaps,
that letteth in mischeefe, and manie mishaps.

Friends
to thrift.

21 Good husband he trudgeeth, to bring in the gaines,
good huswife she trudgeeth, refusing no paines:
Though husband at home, be to count ye wot what,
yet huswife within, is as needfull as that.

Enimie
to thrift.

22 What helpeth in store, to haue neuer so much,
halfe lost by ill vsage, ill huswiues and such?
So, twentie lode bushes, cut downe at a clap,
such heed may be taken, shall stop but a gap.

Sire noi-
ances to
thrift.

23 A retchlesse seruant, a mistres that scowles,
a rauening mastife, and hogs that eat fowles:
A giddie braine maister, and strolall his knaue,
byings ruling to ruine, and thrift to hit graue.

Inough
is a praise

24 With some vpon sundales, their tables doe reeke,
and halfe the weeke after, their dinners doe seeke:
Not often exceeding, but alwaie inough,
is husbandlie fare, and the guise of the plough.

25 Each day to be feasted, what husbandrie wurse,
each day for to feast, is as ill for the purse:
Yet measurelie feasting, with neighbors among,
shall make thee beloued, and liue the more long.

Thrifts
aduises.

26 Things husbandlie handsome, let workman contriue,
but build not for glorie, that thinkest to thriue:
Who fondlie in doing, consumeth his stocke,
in the end for his follie, dooth get but a mocke.

Good husbandlie lessons.

21

Spoilers
to thurst.

- 27 Spend none but your owne, howsoeuer ye spend,
for bysing and shifting, haue seldome good end:
In substance although ye haue neuer so much,
delight not in parasites, harlots and such.
- 28 Be suertie seldome (but neuer for much)
for feare of purse penniles, hanging by such:
O skarborow warning, as ill I beleue,
when (sir I arrest yee) gets hold of thy sleeue.
- 29 Use (Legem pone) to pay at thy day,
but use not (Oremus) for often delay:
Pet (Praesta quæsumus) out of a grate,
of all other collects, the lender dooth hate.
- 30 Be pinched by lending, for kisse noz for kin,
noz also by spending, by such as come in:
Noz put to thy hand, betwixt barke and the tree,
least thzough thine owne follie, so pinched thou bee.
- 31 As lending to neighbour, in time of his need,
winnes loue of thy neighbour, and credit dooth breed:
So neuer to craue, but to liue of thine owne,
brings comforts a thousand, to many vnknowne.
- 32 Who liuing but lends? and be lent to they must,
else buteng and selling, might lie in the dust:
But shamelesse and craftie, that desperate are,
make manie full honest, the woosler to fare.
- 33 At some time to borow, account it no shame,
if iustlie thou keapest, thy touch for the same:
Who quicke be to borow, and slow be to pay,
their credit is naught, go they neuer so gay.
- 34 By shifting and borowing, who so as liues,
not well to be thought on, occasion giues:
Then lay to liue warlike, and wiselie to spend,
for prodigall liuers, haue sildome good end.
- 35 Some spareth too late, and a number with him,
the soole at the bottome, the wise at the brim:
Who careth, noz spareth, till spent he hath all,
of bobbing, not robbing, be fearfull he shall.

B.iii.

36 Where

36 Where welthines floweth, no frendship can lacke,
whom pouertie pincheth, hath frendship as slacke:
Then happie is he, by example that can,
take heed by the fall, of a mischeued man.

37 Who breaketh his credit, or cracketh it twise,
trust such with a suertie, if ye be wise:
Or if he be angrie, for asking thy due,
once euen, to him afterward, lend not anue.

38 Account it well sold, that is iustlie well paid,
and count it well bought, that is neuer denaid:
But yet here is tone, here is tother dooth best,
for buier and seller, for quiet and rest.

39 Leauē Princes affaires, vnderstanted on,
and tend to such doings, as stands thee vpon:
Feare God, and offend not the prince nor his lawes,
and keepe thy selfe out, of the magistrates clawes.

40 As interest or vsurie, plaieth the dreuill,
so hilbacke and filbellie, biteth as euill:
But dicing among them, and docking the dell,
and by and by after, of beggerie smell.

Christis
anditoz.

41 Once weekelie remember, thy charges to cast,
once monthlie see how, thy expenses may last:
If quarter declareth, too much to be spent,
for feare of ill yeare, take aduise of thy rent.

42 Who orderlie entreth, his payment in booke,
may orderlie find them againe (if he looke):
And he that intendeth, but once for to paie,
shall find this in doing the quietest waie.

43 In dealing vprightlie, this couniell I teach,
first reckon, then write, yer to pursse ye doe reach:
Then pay and dispatch him, as soone as ye can,
for lingring is hinderance to many a man.

44 Haue waights I aduise thee, for siluer and gold,
for some be in knauerie, now a daies bold:
And for to be sure, good monie to pay,
receiue that is currant, as neere as ye may.

- 45 Delight not for pleasure, two houses to keepe,
least charge without measure, upon thee doe creepe :
And Tankin and Tenikin, cosen thee so,
to make thee repent it, yer yeere about go.
- 46 The stone that is rolling, can gather no mosse,
who often remoueth, is sure of losse:
The rich it compelleth, to pay for his pride,
the poore it vndoweth, on euerie side.
- 47 The eie of the maister, intricheth the hutch,
the eie of the mistresse, adauileth as much :
Which eie if it gouerne, with reason and skill,
hath seruant and seruice, at pleasure and will.
- 48 Who seeketh reuengement, of euerie wrong,
in quiet nor safetie, continueth long :
So he that of wilfulnes, trieth the law,
shall strue for a corcome, and thriue as a daw.
- 49 To hunters and haukers, take heed what ye say,
mild answer with courtesie, driues them awaie :
So, where a mans better, will open a gap,
relift not with rudenes, for feare of mishap.
- 50 A man in this world, for a churle that is knowne,
shall hardlie in quiet, keepe that is his owne :
Where lowlie and such, as of courtesie smels,
finds fauor and frendship, where euer he dwels.
- 51 Keepe trulie thy Saboth, the better to speed,
keepe seruant from gadding, but when it is need :
Keepe fish day and fasting day, as they doe fall,
what custome thou keepest, let others keepe all.
- 52 Though some in their tithing, be slacke or too bold,
be thou vnto Godward, not that way too cold :
Guill conscience grudgeth, and yet we doe see,
ill tithers, all thriuers, most commonlie bee.
- 53 Paie weekelie thy workman, his household to feed,
pay quarterlie seruants, to buy as they need :
Giue garment to such, as deserue and no mo,
least thou and thy wife, without garment doe go.

Good husbandlie lessons.

- 54 Beware raskabillia, slothfull to worke,
purlainers and filchers, that loueth to lurke:
Awaile with such lubbers, so loth to take paine,
that rouses in expences, but neuer no gaine.
- 55 Good wife, and good children, are worthie to eat,
good seruant, good laborer, earneth their meat:
Good friend, and good neighbor, that fellowlie guest,
with hartlie welcome, should haue of the best.
- 56 Depart not with all, that thou hast to thy child,
much lesse vnto other, for being beguiled:
Least if thou wouldst gladlie, possesse it agen,
looke for to come by it, thou wotest not when.
- 57 The greatest preferment, that child we can giue,
is learning and nurture, to traine him to liue:
Which who so it wanteth, though left as a squier,
consumeth to nothing, as blocke in the fier.
- 58 When God hath so blest thee, as able to liue,
and thou hast to rest thee, and able to giue:
Lament thy offenses, serue God for amends,
make soule to be readie, when God for it sends.
- 59 Send fruits of thy faith, to heauen aforehand,
for mercie here doing, God blesseth thy land:
He maketh thy store, with his blessing to swim,
and after thy soule, to be blessed with him.
- 60 Some lay to get riches, by sea and by land,
and ventreth his life, in his enemies hand:
And setteth his soule, vpon fire or on seauen,
not fearing nor caring, for hell nor for heauen.
- 61 Some pincheth and spareth, and pineth his life,
to coper vp bags, for to leaue to his wife:
And she (when he dieth) sets open the chest,
for such as can sooth hir, and all away wrest.
- 62 Good husband preventing, the frailnes of some,
takes part of Gods benefits, as they doe come:
And leaueth to wife, and his children the rest,
each one his owne part, as he thinketh it best.

63 These lessons approued, if wiselie ye note,
may saue and aduantage ye manie a grote:
Which if ye can follow, occasion found,
then euerie lesson, may saue ye a pound.

¶ An habitation inforced better late than neuer,
upon these words, Sit downe Robin and
rest thee. Chap. 11.

My freend if cause dooth wrest thee,
Yer follie hath much opprest thee,
Farre from acquaintance kest thee,
Where countrie may digest thee,
Let wood and water request thee,
In good corne soile to nest thee,
Where pasture and meade may brest thee,
And healthsome aire inuest thee,
Though enuie shall detest thee,
Let that no whit molest thee,
Thanke God that so hath blest thee,
And sit downe Robin and rest thee.

¶ The farmers dailie diet.
Chap. 12.

A Plot set downe, for farmers quiet,
as time requires, to frame his diet:
With sometime fish, and sometime fast,
that household store, may longer last.

Let Lent well kept, offend not thee,
for March and Aprill breeders bee:
Spend herring first, saue saltfish last,
for saltfish is good, when Lent is past.

When Easter comes, who knowes not than,
that Meale and Bakon, is the man:
And Martilmas heefe, dooth beare good tacke,
when countrie folke, doe dainties lacke.

Lent.

Easter.

When

Michell:
mer.

When mackrell cealeth from the seas,
John Baptist brings, grasse beefe, and pease.

Michell:
mas.

Fresh herring plentie, Michell brings,
with fatted crones, and such old things.

Hallowe:
mas.

All Saints doe lay, for porke and soule,
for sprats and spurlings, for their house.

Christ:
mas.

At Christmas play, and make good cheere,
for Christmas comes, but once a yeere.

I caueat.

Though some then doe, as doe they would,
let thurstie doe, as doe they should.

Fasting.

For causes good, so manie waies,
keepe Embrings well, and fasting daies.

Fishe:
daies.

What law commandes, we ought to obey,
for Friday, Saturne and Wednesday.

A thing
needfull.

The land dooth will, the sea dooth wish,
spare sometime flesh, and seed of fish.

The last
remedie.

Where fish is scant, and fruit of trees,
Supplie that want, with butter and cheese.

p Tuffer.

¶ A description of the properties of winds
all the times of the yeare. Chap. 13.

In win-
ter.

North winds send haile, South winds bring raine,
East winds we bewaile, West winds blow amaine:
North east is too cold, South east not too warme,
North west is too bold, South west dooth no harne.

At the
spring.

The North is a noier, to grasse of all suits,
The East a destroyer, to hearbs and all fruits:

Summer

The South with his showers, refresheth the coyne,
The West to all flowers, may not be forboyne.

Autumne

The West as a father, all goodnes dooth bring,
The East, a forbeareer no manner of thing:
The South as unkind, draweth sicknesse too neere,
The North, as a friend, maketh all againe cleere.

With

Of the planets.

27

With temperate wind, we be blessed of God,
With tempest we find, we are beat with his rod:
All power, we know, to remaine in his hand,
How euer wind blowe, by sea or by land.

God is
the gouer-
nor of
wind and
weather.

Though winds doe rage, as winds were wood,
And cause spring tides, to raise great flood,
And loffie ships, leaue anker in mud,
Bereauing many, of life, and of blud:
Yet true it is, as cow chewes cud,
And trees at spring, doe yeld forth bud,
Except wind stand, as neuer it stood:
It is an ill wind turnes none to good.

Of the planets. Chap. 14.

AS hufwines are teached, in stead of a clocke,
how winter nights passeth, by crowing of cocke:
So here by the Planets, as far as I dare,
some lessons I leaue, for the husbandmans share.

If day star appeareth, day comfort is ny,
if sunne be at South, it is noone by and by:
If sunne be at Westward, it setteth anon,
if sunne be at setting, the day is soone gon.

Of the ri-
sing & go-
ing down
of the sun.

Moone changed, krepes closet, three daies as a Queene,
yet she in hir prime, will of any bee scene:
If great she appeareth, it sheweth out,
if small she appeareth, it signifieth dout.

Of the
Moone
changing.

At change or at full, come it late, or else soone,
maine sea is at highest, at midnight and noone:
But yet in the creekes, it is later high flood,
thzough farnesse of running, by reason as good.

Tide flowing is feared, for manie a thing,
great danger to such as be sicke, it dooth bring:
Sea eb, by long ebbing, some respit dooth giue,
and sendeth good comfort, to such as shall liue.

Of flow-
ing & eb-
bing, to
such as be
verie sick.

¶ Septembers

- 1 **N**ow enter John,
old farmer is gon.
- 2 **W**hat champion vseth,
that woodland refuseth.
- 3 **G**od farme now take,
keepe still oꝝ foꝝ sake.
- 4 **W**hat helpes reusue,
the thriuing to thriue.
- 5 **P**lough fense and stoꝝe,
ought else befoꝝe.
- 6 **B**y tits and such,
few gaineth much.
- 7 **H**oꝝse strong and light,
sone charges quight.
A light head and purse,
what lightnes wurse?
- 8 **W**ho goeth a boꝝroꝝwing,
goeth a soꝝroꝝwing.
Few lends (but soles)
their woꝝking toles.
- 9 **G**reene rie haue some,
per Michelmas come.
- 10 **G**rant soile hie luff,
sow rie in the duff.
- 11 **C**leane rie that sowes,
the better crop moꝝwes.
- 12 **P**ire rie aright,
with wheate that is whight.
- 13 **S**eē coꝝne sowne in,
to thicke noꝝ to thinn.
Foꝝ want of seed,
land yeeldeth weē.
- 14 **W**ith sling oꝝ bow,
keepe coꝝne from crow.
- 15 **T**rench hedge and foꝝoꝝw,
that water may thoꝝoꝝw.
Deepe dike saues much,
from dꝝouers and such.
- 16 **A**mend marth wall,
crab holes and all.
- 17 **G**eld buls and rams,
sew ponds, amend dams.
Sell webster thy wull,
fruit gather, grapes pull.
Foꝝ feare of dꝝabs,
go gather thy crabs.
- 18 **P**lucke fruit to last,
when Michell is past.
- 19 **F**orget it not,
fruit bruised will rot.
A light ladder and long,
doth treē least wꝝong.
Go gather with skill,
and gather that will.
- 20 **D**ieue hieue god conie,
foꝝ ware and foꝝ honie.
No dꝝiueing of hieue,
till yeeres past fue.
- 21 **G**od dwelling giue bæ,
oꝝ hence goes shee.
- 22 **P**ut boze in stie,
foꝝ Hallontide nie.
- 23 **W**ith boze (god Cisse)
let naught be amisse.
- 24 **K**arle hempe lost greene,
now plucke vp clæne.

Dꝝowne

- Drowne hempe as ye need,
once had out his seed.
I pray the (good hit)
drowne hempe in pit.
- 25 Of all the rest,
white hempe is best.
Let skilfull be gotten,
least hempe prove rotten.
- 26 Set strawberries wise,
I loue them for life.
- 27 Plant respe and rose,
and such as those.
- 28 Go gather vp mass,
per time be past.
Past sats vp swine,
mass kils vp kine.
- 29 Let hogs be rong,
both old and yong.
- 30 No mast vpon oke,
no longer vnyoke.
If hog doe crie,
giue eare and eie.
- 31 Hogs haunting cozne,
may not be bozne.
- 32 God neighbour thow,
god custome allow.
No scaring with dog,
whilst mast is for hog.
- 33 Get home with the brake,
to bue with and bake.
To couer the hed,
drie ouer the hed.
To lie vnder colw:
to rot vnder mow.
- To serue to burne,
for mante a turne.
- 34 To sawpit drawe,
bord log to sawe.
Let timber be haile,
least profit doe quaille.
Such bord and pale,
is readie sale.
- 35 Sawne slab let lie,
for stable and stie.
Saw dust spred thicke,
makes allie tricke.
- 36 Keepe safe thy fence,
scare break hedge thence.
A drab and a kinaue,
will prouole to haue.
- 37 Marke wind and mone,
at midnight and none.
Some rigs thy plow,
some milks thy colw.
- 38 Red cur or blacke,
few proulers lacke.
- 39 Some steale, some pilch,
some all away filch.
Marke losses with greese,
thzough prouoling these.
- Thus endeth Septembers abstract,
agreeing with Septembers husbandrie.
- ¶ Other short remembrances.
- No w frënd as ye wish,
go sener thy fish:
When frënd shall come,
to be sure of some.

Thy

Septembers husbandrie.

Thy ponds renew,
put eels in strew.
To liue till Lent,
and then to be spent.
Set priue, or prim,
set bore like him.

Set gilflowers all,
that growes on the wall.
Set herbes some more,
for winter store.
Sowe seedes for pot,
for flowers sowe not.

Here ends Septembers short remembrances.

¶ Septembers husbandrie.

Chap. 15.

September blowe soft,
Till fruit be in lost.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

1 **A**T Michelmas lightlie, new farmer comes in,
new husbandrie forceth, him new to begin:
Old farmer still taking, the time to him giuen,
makes August to last, vntill Michelmas euen.

2 New farmer may enter (as champions say)
on all that is fallow, at Lent ladie day:
In woodland old farmer, to that will not yeld,
for loosing of pasture, and seed of his feild.

Farne
take or
giue ouer.

3 Hould against Michelmas, bargaine to make,
for farne to giue ouer, to keepe or to take:
In dooing of either, let wit beare a stroke,
for buseng or selling, of pig in a poke.

Twelue
good pro-
perties.

4 Good farne and well stored, good housing and drie,
good coyne and good dairie, good market and nie:
Good shepheard good tilman, good Jacke and good Gill,
makes husband and huswife, their cofers to fill.

Hane e-
uer a good
fence.

5 Let pasture be stored, and fenced about,
and tillage set forward, as needeth without:
Before ye doe open, your purse to begin,
with any thing dooing, for fanlie within.

Husbandlie furniture.

31

- 6 No stozing of pasture, with baggedglie ttt,
with ragged, with aged, and euill at hit :
Let carren and barren, be shifted awaie,
for best is the best, whatsoeuer ye paie.
- 7 Horse, oren, plough, turnbrell, cart, waggon, & waine, **Strong**
the lighter and stronger, the greater thy gaine: **and light.**
The soile and the seed, with the sheafe and the purse,
the lighter in substance, for profit the worse.
- 8 To borrow to daie, and to morow to mis,
for lender and borrower, noiance it is :
Then haue of thine owne, without lending vnspilt,
what followeth needfull, here learne if thou wilt.

**Hate bo-
rowing.**

A digression to husbandlie furniture.

- 1 Barne locked, gose ladder, short pitchfork and long,
fleile, strawfork and rake, with a fan that is strong : **Barne**
furniture.
Wing, cartnaue and bushell, pecke, strike readie hand,
get casting shouell, byome, and a sacke with a band.
- 2 A stable well planked, with key and a locke,
walles stronglie well lined, to beare off a knocke : **Stable**
furniture.
A racke and a manger, good litter and haie,
sweet chaffe, and some pꝛouender euerie daie.
- 3 A pitchfork, a doongfork, saue, skep and a bin,
a byome and a paille, to put water therein :
A handbarow, wheelebarow, shouell and spade,
a currie combe, mainecombe, and whip for a Jade.
- 4 A buttrice and pincers, a hammer and nasse,
an aperne and sizers, for head and for taile :
Whole bridle and saddle, whit lether and nall,
with collers and harness, for thiller and all.
- 5 A panell and wantey, pack saddle and ped,
a line to fetch litter, and halters for head :
With crotchis and pins, to hang trinkets thereon,
and stable fast chained, that nothing be gon.

6 **Strong**

Cart furniture.

6 Strong exeltred cart, that is clouted and shod, cart ladder and wimble, with percer and pod: Wheele ladder for haruest, light pitchfork and tough, shauie, whiplash well knotted, and cartrope inough.

A Coome is halfe a quarter.

7 Ten sacks, whereof euerie one holdeth a coome, a pulling hooke handsome, for bushes and bycome: Light tumbrell, and doong croine, for easing sir wag, shouell, pickar, and mattocke, with bottle and bag.

Husbandry tooles.

8 A grinstone, a whetstone, a hatchet and bill, with hamer and english nasse, sorted with skill: A frower of iron, for cleauing of lath, with roule for a sawpit, good husbandrie hath.

9 A short saw, and long saw, to cut a two logs, an ar and a nads, to make troffie for thy hogs: A douer court beetle, and wedges with steele, strong leuer to raise vp, the blocke fro the wheele.

Plough furniture.

10 Two ploughs & a plough cheine, ij. culters iij. shares, with ground clouts, & side clouts, for soile & sow tares: With ox bowes and oypokes, and other things mo, for orteme and horsteteme, in plough for to go.

11 A plough beetle, ploughstasse, to further the plough, great clod to a sunder, that breaketh so rough: A sled for a plough, and another for blocks, for chimney in winter, to burne vp their docks.

12 Sedge collers for ploughhorse, for lightnes of necke, good seed and good sower, and also seed pecke: Strong oren and horses, well shod and well clad, well meated and vsed, for making thee sad.

13 A barlie rake toothed, with yron and steele, like paire of harrowes, and roller dooth weele: A sling for a mother, a bowe for a boy, a whip for a carter, is hoigh de la roy.

Haruest tooles.

14 A brush sicke, and grasse sicke, with rifle to stand, a cradle for barlie, with rubstone and sand: Sharpe sickle and weeding hooke, haie fork and rake, a meake for the pease, and to sowing vp the brake.

- 15 Short rakes for to gather vp, barlie to bind,
and greater to rake vp, such leauings behind:
A rake for to rake vp, the fitches that lie,
a pike for to pike them vp, handsome to drie.
- 16 A skuttle or skrefine, to rid soile fro the coyne,
and sharing sheares readie, for sheepe to be shorne:
A forke and a hooke, to be tampring in clafe,
a lath hammer, a trowell, a hod, or a traie.
- 17 Strong yoke for a hog, with a twicher and rings,
with tar in a tarpot, for dangerous things:
A sheepe marke, a tar kettle, little or mitch,
two pottles of tar, to a pottle of pitch.
- 18 Long ladder to hang, all along by the wall,
to reach for a need, to the top of thy hall:
Beame, scales, with the weights that be sealed and true,
sharpe moulspeare with barbs, y the mowles doo so rue.
- 19 Sharpe cutting spade, for the diuiding of mow,
with skuppatt and skauell, that marshmen allow:
A sickle to cut with, a didall and crome,
for draining of ditches, that noies thee at home.
- 20 A claueslocke, a rabbetlocke, carpenters craue,
and seasoned timber, for pinwood to haue:
A Jacke for to saw vpon, fewell for fier,
for sparing of firewood, and sticks fro the mier.
- 21 Soles, setters, and shackles, with hozlocke and pad,
a cow house for winter, so meet to be had:
A stie for a boze, and a hogscote for hog,
a roost for thy hens, and a couch for thy dog.

Here endeth husbandlie
furniture.

9 Thresh seed, and to fanning, September doth crie,
get plough to the field, and be sowing of rie:
To harrow the ridges, ver euer ye strike,
is one peece of husbandrie, Suffolke doth like.

Sowing
of rie.

C. i.

10 Sow

- Millen.** 10 Sowe timelie thy white wheat, sowe rie in the dust,
let seed haue hir longing, let soile haue hir lust:
Let rie be partaker, of Michelmass spring,
to beare out the hardnes, that winter dooth bring.
- 11 Some mixeth to miller, the rie with the wheat,
Tems lose on his table, to haue for to eat:
But sowe it not mixed, to grow so on land,
least rie tarie wheat, till it shed as it stand.
- 12 If soile doe desire, to haue rie with the wheat,
by growing together, for safetie moze great:
Let white wheat be tone, be it deare be it cheape,
the sooner to ripe, for the sickle to reape.
- Sowing.** 13 Though beanes be in sowing, but scattered in,
yet wheat, rie, and peason, I loue not too thin:
Sowe harlie and dredge, with a plentiful hand,
least weed, stead of seed, ouergroweth thy land.
- 14 No sooner a sowing, but out by and by,
with mother or boy, that alarum can cry:
**Keeping
of crows.** And let them be armed, with sling or with bowe,
to share away pigeon, the rooke and the crowe,
- 15 Seed sowne, draw a furrow, the water to draine,
and dike vp such ends, as in harmes doe remaine:
**water
furrough.** For driuing of cattell, or rousing that way,
which being preuented, ye hinder their pray.
- 16 Saint Michell dooth bid thee, amend the marsh wall,
the brecke and the crab hole, the forceland and all:
**Amend
marsh
walles.** One noble in season, bestowed thereon,
may saue thee a hundred, yer winter be gon.
- 17 Now geld with the gelder, the ram and the bull,
few ponds, amend dams, and sell webster thy will:
**Gelding
of rains.** Out fruit go and gather, but not in the deaw,
with crab and the walnut, for feare of a shecatw.
- 18 The incone in the wane, gather fruit for to last,
but winter fruit gather, when Michell is past:
**Gathe-
ring of
fruit.** Though michers that loue not, to buy nor to craue,
make some gather sooner, else few for to haue.

Septembers husbandrie.

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19 Fruit gathered too tūnelie, will taste of the wood,
will shrinke and be bitter, and seldome proue good :
So fruit that is shaken, or beat off a tree,
with husling in falling, soone faultie will bee.

To earie
gathering
is not best.

20 Now burne vp the bees, that ye mind for to drie,
at midsummer drie them, and saue them aliue :
Place hiue in good aire, let southlie and warme,
and take in due season, wax, honie, and swarme.

Drying
of hives.

21 Set hiue on a planke (not too low by the ground)
where herbe with the flowers, may compas it round :
And boords to defend it, from north and northeast,
from showers and rubbish, from vermin and beast.

Preser-
uing of
bees.

22 At Michelmās safely, go stie vp thy boze,
least straieng abroad, ye doe see him no more :
The sooner the better, for Hallontide nie,
And better he brawneth, if hard he doe lie.

Stie vp
the boze.

23 Shift boze (for ill aire) as best ye doe thinke,
and twice a day giue him, fresh vittle and drinke :
And diligent Cissie, my dairie good wench,
make cleanlie his cabben, for meadling and stench.

24 Now plucke vp thy hempe, and go beat out the seed,
and after ward water it, as ye see need :
But not in the riuer, where cattell should drinke,
for poisoning of them, and the people with stinke.

Gathe-
ring of
winter
hempe.

25 Hempe huswifellie used, looks cherefull and bright,
and selleth it selfe, by the colour so whight :
Some bleseth to water it, but some doe it not,
he skilfull in doing, for feare it doe rot.

whitest
hempe best
sold.

26 Take into thy garden, and set me a plot,
with strawberie roots, of the best to be got :
Such growing abroad, among thornes in the wood,
well chosen and picked, proue excellent good.

Setting
of straw-
beries, &
roses, &c.

27 The barberie, reispis, and goseberie too,
looke now to be planted, as other things doe :
The goseberie, reispis, and roses, all thre,
with strawberies under them, trumlie agree.

Gosebe-
ries, and
reispis.

Gathe-
ring of
maist.

28 To gather some maist, it shall stand thee vpon,
with seruant and children, yer mast be all gon :
Some left among bushes, shall pleasure thy swine,
for feare of a mischiefe, keepe acorns fro kine.

Rooting
of hogs.

29 For rooting of pasture, ring hog ye had need,
which being well ringled, the better doo feed :
Though yong with their elders, will lightlie keepe best,
yet spare not to ringle, both great and the rest.

Yoking of
swine.

30 Poke seldome thy swine, while shacktime dooth last,
for diuers misfortunes, that happen too fast :
Or if ye doo fancie, whole eare of the hog,
giue eare to ill neighbour, and eare to his dog.

Hunting
of hogs.

31 Keepe hog I aduise thee, from medow and coyne,
for out aloud crieng, that yer he was bozne :
Such lawles so hanting, both often and long,
if dog set him chaunting, he dooth thee no wrong.

Ringling
of hogs.

32 Where loue among neighbors, doth beare any stroke,
while shacktime endureth, men vse not to poke :
Yet surelie ringling, is needfull and good,
till frost doo inuite them, to brakes in the wood.

Carriage
of brakes.

33 Get home with thy brakes, yer summer be gon,
for teddered cattle, to sit therevpon :
To couer thy houell, to brew and to bake,
to lie in the bottome, where houell ye make.

Sawe
out thy
timber.

34 Nowe sawe out thy timber, for hoord and for pale,
to haue it vnshaken, and readie to sale :
Bestowe it and sticke it, and lay it aright,
to find it in March, to be readie in plight.

Slabs of
timber.

35 Saue slab of thy timber, for stable and stie,
for horse and for hog, the more clenlie to lie :
Saue sawedust, and hickedust, and ashes so fine,
for allie to walke in, with neighbor of thine.

Hedge
breakers.

36 Keepe safelie and warelie, thine vttermoost fense,
with ope gap and breakehedge, doo seldome dispense :
Such rumbabout prowlers, by night and by day,
see punished iustlie, for prowling away.

37 At noone if it bloweth, at night if it shine,
out trudgeth Hew makehiff, with hooke and with line:
Whiles Gillel his blouse, is a milking thy cow,
fir Hew is a rigging, thy gate or thy plow.

Learne
to know
Hew
prowler.

38 Such walke with a blacke, or a red little cur,
that open will quicklie, if anie thing stir:
Then squatteth the master, or trudgeth away,
and after dog ruinneth, as fast as he may.

Black or
red dogs.

39 Some prowleth for felwell, and some away rig,
fat goole and the capon, ducke, hen, and the pig:
Some prowleth for acones, to fat vp their swine,
for cozne and for apples, and all that is thine.

Thus endeth Septembers husbandrie.

¶ Octobers abstract.

Chap. 16.

1 **L**ay drie by and round,
for barlie thy ground.

2 To late doth kill,
to sone is as ill.

3 Prides litle and great,
picke cleane seed wheat.
Good ground doth craue,
choise seede to haue.
Flailes lussilie thwacke,
least plough seede lacke.

4 Seede first, go fetch,
for edish, or etch,
Soile perfectlie knowe,
per edish ye sowe.

5 White wheat, if ye please,
sowe now upon pease.
Sowe first the best,
and then the rest.

6 Who soweth in raine,
hath toed to his paine.
But worse shall he speed,
that soweth ill seed.

7 Now better than later,
draw furrow for water.
Kepe thy olves good sonne,
see fensling be donne.

8 Each soile no vaine,
for euerie graine.
Though soile be but bad,
some cozne may be had.

9 Naught proue, naught craue,
naught benter, naught haue.

10 One crop, and away,
some countrie may say.

11 All grauell and sand,
is not the best land.

C. lii.

A rote

- A rottenlie mould,
is land worth gould.
- 12 Why wheat is smitten,
god lesson is written.
- 13 The iudgement of some,
how thistles doe come.
- 14 A iudgement right,
of land in plight.
Land all forlozne,
not good for cozne.
- 15 Land barren doth beare,
small straw, thort eare.
- 16 Here maist thou red,
for soile that sed.
- 17 Tis tribe erie holwer,
best graine, most flower.
- 18 Grosse cozne much bran,
the baker doth ban.
- 19 What croppers be,
here learne to see.
- 20 Few after crop much,
but noddies and such.
- 21 Some woodland may crake,
thre crops he may take.
- 22 First barlie, then pease,
then wheat if ye please.
- 23 Two crops and away,
must champion say.
- 24 Where barlie did growe,
laie wheat to sowe.
Yet better I thinke,
sowe pease, after drinke.
And then if ye please,
sowe wheat after pease.
- 25 What champion knowes,
that custome shoves.
- 26 First barlie per rie,
then pease by and by.
Then fallow for wheat,
is husbandrie great.
- 27 A remedie sent,
where pease lacke bent.
Fat pease-fed swine,
for drouer is fine.
- 28 Each diners soile,
hath diuers soile.
- 29 Some countries vse,
that some refuse.
- 30 For wheat, ill land,
where water doth stand.
Sowe pease o: dredge,
belowe in that redge.
- 31 Sowe acornes to proue,
that timber do lone.
- 32 Sowe hastings now,
if land it allow.
- 33 Learne sone to get,
a god quickset.
- 34 For feare of the wurst,
make fat away furst.
- 35 Fat that no more,
ye keepe for store.
- 36 Hide carren in graue,
lesse noiance to haue.
- 37 Hog meafeld kill,
for Flemming that will.
- 38 With peasebolt and bzake,
some bzew and bake.

39 Old corne twozth gold,
so kept as it shold.

40 Much profit is rept,
by flocks well kept.

41 Keepe flocks vpon hols,
for sir of thy col.

42 Of bergis be sure,
poze cattell to cure.

Thus endeth Octobers ad-
stract, agreeing with Octo-
bers husbandrie.

¶ Octobers short remem-
brances.

It is haue an eie,
to boze in the sie.
By malt ill kept,
small profit is rept.

Friend ringle thy hog,
for fence of a dog.
Kie straw by stacke,
least thacker do lacke.

Wheat straw drie saue,
for cattell to haue.
Wheat chaffe lay by drie,
in safetie to lie.

Make hand some a bin,
for chaffe to lie in.
(Seed thyself) thou shalt
thyself barlie to malt.

Cut bushes to hedge,
fence medow and redge,
Stamp crabs that may,
for rotting alway.
Make bergis and perrie,
sowe kinnell and berrie.

Now gather by fruit,
of euerie suit.
Barly wall too slight,
strength now, or god night.

Spend twals of mud,
for now it is good.
Where soile is of sand,
quicke set out of hand.

To plots not full,
ad bremble and bull.
For set no bar,
whilst month hath it.

Like note thou shalt,
for making of malt.
Brew now to last,
till winter be past.

Here ends Octobers short remembrances.

¶ Octobers husbandrie.

Chap. 17.

October god blast,
To blow the hog mast.

For gotten month past,
Do now at the last.

Now lay by thy barlie land, drie as ye can,
when euer ye sowe it, so looke for it than :

C. liii.

Take by
barlie
land.

Get

Get daillie aforehand, be neuer behind,
least winter preuenting, doo alter thy mind.

2 Who laieth vp fallow, too soone or too wet,
with noiances manie, doth barlie beset:
For weed and the water, so soketh and sucks,
that goodnes from either, it utterlie plucks.

wheat
sowing.

3 Greene rie in September, when timelie thou hast,
October for wheat sowing, calleth as fast:
If weather will suffer, this counsell I giue,
leauw sowing of wheat, before Hallowmas eue.

Sowe
edish be-
times.

4 Where wheat vpon edish, ye mind to bestowe,
let that be the first, of the wheat ye doo sowe:
He seemeth to hart it, and comfort to bring,
that giueth it comfort, of Michelmās spring.

Best
wheat
first so-
wen.

5 White wheat vpon peaseetch, doth grow as he would,
but fallow is best, if we did as we should:
Yet where, how, and when, ye intend to begin,
let euer the finest, be first sown in.

6 Who soweth in raine, he shall reape it with teares,
who soweth in harmes, he is euer in feares:
Who soweth ill seed, or defraudeth his land,
hath eie soze abroad, with a corsie at hand.

7 Seed husbandrie sowne, water furrow thy ground,
that raine when it commeth, may run away round:
Then stir about Picoll, with arrow and bowe,
take penie for killing, of euerie crowe.

A digression to the vsage of diuers countries,
concerning tillage.

8 Each soile hath no liking, of euerie graine,
nor barlie and wheat, is for euerie vaine:
Yet know I no countrie, so barren of soile,
but some kind of cozne, may be gotten with toile.

9 In Bzantham, where rie, but no barlie did growe,
good barlie I had, as a manie did knowe:
Foue seame of an aker, I trulie was paid,
for thirtie lode mucke, of each aker so laid.

- 10 In Suffolke againe, whereas wheat neuer grewo,
good husbandrie vfed, good wheat land I knew:
This Proverbe, experience long ago gaue,
that nothing who practiseth, nothing shall haue.
- 11 As grauell and sand, is for rie and not wheat,
or yeeldeth hir burden, to tone the more great:
So peason and barlie, delight not in land,
but rather in claie, or in rottener land.
- 12 Wheat sometime is Zealie, or burnt as it growes,
for pride or for pouertie, practise so knowes:
Too lustie of courage, for wheat dooth not well,
nor after sir peeler, he loueth to dwell.
- 13 Much wetnes, hog rooting, and land out of hart,
makes thistles a number, forthwith to vpstart:
If thistles so growing, proue lustie and long,
it signifieth land, to be lustie and strong.
- 14 As land full of tilth, and in hartie good plight,
yeeldes blade to a length, and increaeth in might:
So crop vpon crop, vpon whose courage we doubt,
yeelds blade for a brag, but it holdeth not out.
- 15 The straw and the eare, to haue bignes and length,
betokeneth land, to be good and in strength:
If eare be but short, and the straw be but small,
it signifieth barenes, and barren withall.
- 16 White wheat, or else red, red riuet or whight,
far passeth all other, for land that is light:
White pollard or red, that so richlie is set,
for land that is heauie, is best ye can get.
- 17aine wheat that is mixed, with white and with red,
is next to the best, in the market mans hed:
So Turkey or Durkey wheat, many doe loue,
because it is flourie, as others aboue.
- 18 Graie wheat is the grossest, yet good for the clay,
though worst for the market, as farmer may say:
Much like vnto rie, be his properties found,
coarse flower, much bran, and a peeler of ground.

19 Otes, rie, or else barlie, and wheat that is gray,
 brings land out of comfort, and soone to decay:
 One after another, no comfort betwene,
 is crop vpon crop, as will quicklie be seene.

Crop vp-
 on crop.

20 Still crop vpon crop, manie farmers doo take,
 and reape little profit, for greedines sake:
 Though bredcoyne & drinkecoyne, such croppers doo stand,
 count peason or huanke, as a comfort to land.

21 Good land that is seuerall, crops may haue thre,
 in champion countrie, it may not so bee:
 One taketh his season, as commoners may,
 the tother with reason, may otherwise say.

22 Some vseth at first, a good fallow to make,
 to sow thereon barlie, the better to take:
 Next that to sow pease, and of that to sow wheat,
 then fallow againe, or lie laie for thy neat.

23 First rie and then barlie, the champion saies,
 or wheat before barlie, be champion waies:
 But drinke before breadcoyne, with Middlesex men,
 then lay on more compas, and fallow agen.

24 Where barlie ye sow, after rie or else wheat,
 if land be vnlustie, the crop is not great:
 So lose ye your cost, to your corrie and smart,
 and land (ouerburdened) is cleane out of hart.

25 Exceptions take, of the champion land,
 from lieng along, from that at thy hand:
 (Just by) ye may comfort, with compas at will,
 far off ye must comfort, with fauour and skill.

26 Where rie or else wheat, either barlie ye sow,
 let codware be next, therevpon for to grow:
 Thus hauing two crops, whereof codware is ton,
 thou hast the lesse need, to lay cost therevpon.

27 Some far fro the market, delight not in pease,
 for that erie chapman, they seme not to please:
 If vent of the market place, serue thee not well,
 set hogs vp a fatting, to drouer to sell.

28 Two crops of a fallow, enricheth the plough,
though some be of pease, it is land good ynough:
One crop and a fallow, some soile will abide,
where if ye go further, lay profit aside.

29 Where peason ye had, and a fallow thereon,
sowe wheat ye may well, without doing therupon:
New broken vp land, or with water oppressed,
or ouermuch downed, for wheat is not best.

30 Where water all winter, annoieth too much,
bestow not thy wheat, vpon land that is such:
But rather sowe otes, or else bullimong there,
gray peason or runciuals, fitches or tere.

31 Sow acorns ye owners, that timber doe loue,
some haue and rie with them, the better to proue:
If cattell or cunnie, may enter to crop,
young oke is in danger, of losing his top.

32 Who pascods delighteth, to haue with the surst,
if now he doe sowe them, I thinke it not wurst:
The greener thy peason, and warmer the roome,
more lustie the laier, more plentie they come.

33 Go plow vp or delue vp, aduised with skill,
the bredth of a ridge, and in length as you will:
Where speedie quickset, for a fense ye will draue,
to sowe in the seed, of the bremble and haue.

34 Through plentie of acorns, the porckling to fat,
not taken in season, may perish by that:
If ratling or swelling, get once to the throte,
thou lovest thy porckling, a crowne to a grote.

35 What euer thing fat is, againe if it fall,
thou ventrest the thing, and the fatnes withall:
The fatter the better, to sell or to kill,
but not to continue, make proue if ye will.

36 What euer thing dieth, go burie or burne,
for tainting of ground, or a wooser ill turne:
Such pestilent smell, of a carrenlie thing,
to cattell and people, great perill may bring.

Sowing
of acorns.

Sowing
of ha-
stings or
fullings.

Brem-
bles and
hawes.

A discale
in fat
hogs.

Not too
fat for
rearing.

Burieng
of dead
cattell.

Measled
hogs.

37 Thy measled bacon, hog, sow, or thy hore,
shut vp for to heale, for infecting thy store:
Or kill it for bacon, or soule it to sell,
for flenning that loues it so daintilie well.

Straw-
wispes, &
pealbolts.

38 With strawisp, and peasebolt, with ferne & the bzake,
for sparing of fewell, some brew and doo bake:
And heateth their copper, for seething of graines,
good seruant rewarded, refuseth no paines.

Dibe
wheat
better
than new.

39 Good breadcoyne and drinkecoyne, full xx. weeks kept,
is better than new, that at haruest is reyt:
But soistie the breadcoyne, and bowdeatch malt,
for health or for profit, find noisome thou shalt.

40 By th' end of October, go gather vp sloes,
haue thou in a readines, plentie of thoes:
And keepe them in bedstraw, or still on the bow,
to stay both the flir, of thy selte and thy cow.

A medi-
cine for
the cow
syr.

41 Seeth water, and plump therein plentie of sloes,
mir chalke that is dried, in powder with thoes:
Which so if ye giue, with the water and chalke,
thou makest the lax, fro thy cow away walke.

42 Be sure of vergis (a gallond at least)
so good for the kitchen, so needfull for beast:
It helpeth thy cattle, so feeble and faint,
if timelie such cattle, with it thou acquaint.

Thus endeth Octobers husbandrie.

Nouembers abstract.

Chap. 18.

1 **L**et hog, once fat,
lose nothing of that.
When mast is gon,
hog falleth anon.
Still fat vp some,
till throstide come.
Now porke and soule,
beares tacke in houle.

2 Put barlie to malting,
lay sitches a salting.
Through follie too beastle,
much bacon is reastle.
3 Some winnow, some fan,
some cast that can.
In casting prouide,
for seed lay aside.

4 Threth

- 4 Thresh barlie thou shalt,
for chapman to malt.
Else thresh no more,
but for thy store.
- 5 Till March thresh wheat,
but as ye do eat.
Least baker forsake it,
if soistines take it.
- 6 No chaffe in bin,
makes horse loke thin.
- 7 Solve hastings now,
that hastings allow.
- 8 They buy it full deere,
in winter that reere.
- 9 Few sowles, lesse swine,
reere now, friend mine.
- 10 What losse, that sturs,
through rauening curs?
- 11 Make Martilmas beefe,
deere meat is a theefe.
- 12 Set garlike and pease,
saint Edmond to please.
- 13 When raine takes place,
to threshing apace.
- 14 Mad braine, too rough,
mars all at plough.
With stalle and whips,
fat hen thort skips.
- 15 Some threshing by taske,
will steale and not aske.
Such threshers at night,
walkes seldome home light.
Some coyne away lag,
in bottle and bag.
Some steales for a iest,
eggs out of the nest.
- 16 Lay stouer by drie,
in order to lie.
More bullocke doth craue,
fresh straw to haue.
- 17 Make wecklie by stower,
though threshers do lower.
Lay graine in loff,
and turne it off.
- 18 For mucke regard,
make cleane soule yard.
Lay straw to rot,
in waterie plot.
- 19 Hedlond by plow,
for compas ynow.
- 20 For herbs god store,
trench garden more.
- 21 At midnight trie,
soule printes to fie.
- 22 Kid chimnie of sot,
from top to the foot.
- 23 In stable put now,
thy horses for plow.
- 24 God horsekeeper will,
laie mucke vpon hill.
- 25 Cut molhills that stand,
so thicke vpon land.

Thus endeth Nouembers abstract, agreeing with Nouembers husbandrie.

¶ Other short remembrances.

Get pole, boy mine,
beat halwes to swine.
Dine hog to the wood,
bake roots be god.

Nouembers husbandrie.

For mischeefe that fallēs,
loke well to marth walles.

Drie laier get neat,
and plentie of meat.

Curst cattell that nurtesth,
pore wennell sone hurteth.

God neighbour mine,
ring well thy swine.

Such winter may serue,
hog ringled will sterue.

In frost kepe dog,
from hunting of hog.

Here ends Nouembers short remembrances.

¶ Nouembers husbandrie.

Chap. 19.

Nouember take haile,
Let ship no more saile.

For gotten month past,
do now at the last.

Slaugh-
ter time.

1 **A** T Hallontide, slaughtertime entereth in,
and then dooth the husbandmans feasting begin:
From thence unto shroftide, kill now and then some,
their offall for household, the better will come.

Dredge,
is otes &
barlie.

2 Thy dredge and thy barlie, go thresh out to malt,
let malster be cunning, else lose it thou shalt:
Thy increase of a seame, is a bushell for store,
had else is the barlie, or huswife much more.

Winnow-
ing, fan-
ning, and
casting.

3 Some vseth to winnow, some vseth to fan,
some vseth to cast it, as cleane as they can:
For seed go and cast it, for malting not so,
but get out the cockle, and then let it go.

Thresh-
ing of
barlie.

4 Thresh barlie as yet, but as need shall require,
fresh threshed for stouer, thy cattell desire:
And therefore that threshing, forbear as ye may,
till Candlemas comming, for sparing of hay.

Thresh-
ing of
wheat.

5 Such wheat as ye keepe, for the baker to bie,
vntreshed till March, in the sheafe let it lie:
Least foistines take it, if sooner ye thresh it,
although by oft turning, ye seeme to refresh it.

Chaffe
of cozne.

6 Saue chaffe of the barlie, of wheat, and of rie,
from feathers and foistines, where it dooth lie:
Which mixed with cozne, being sifted of dust,
go giue to thy cattell, when serue them ye must.

- 7 **G**reene peason oz hastings, at Hallontide sowe,
in hartie good soile, he requireth to growe :
Gray peason oz tunciualls, cheercly to stand,
at Candlemas sowe, with a plentiful hand.
- 8 **L**eauie latewardlie rering, keepe now no more swine,
but such as thou maist, with the offall of thine :
Except ye haue wherewith, to fat them away,
the fewer thou keepest, keepe better ye may.
- 9 **T**o reere vp much pultrie, and want the barne doore,
is naught for the pulter, and woofse for the poore :
So now to keepe hogs, and to starue them for meat,
is as to keepe dogs, for to bawle in the street.
- 10 **A**s cat a good mouser, is needfull in house,
because for hir commons, she killeth the mouser:
So rauening currees, as a meanie doo keepe,
makes master want meat, and his dog to kill sheepe.
- 11 **(F**or Easter) at Martilmas, hang vp a beefe,
for stall-fed and pease-fed, play pickpurse the theefe :
With that and the like, ver grasse-beefe come in,
thy folke shall looke cheerelie, when others looke thin.
- 12 **S**et garlike and beanes, at S. Edmund the king,
the moone in the wane, thereon hangeth a thing :
Th' increase of a pottle (well proued of some)
shall pleasure thy household, ver peasecod time come.
- 13 **W**hen raine is a let, to thy dowings abrode,
set thesers a thesring, to lay on good lode :
Thesher clean ye must bid them, though lesser they yarne,
and looking to thiue, haue an eie to thy barne.
- 14 **T**ake heed to thy man, in his furie and heat,
with ploughstafte, & whipstocke, for manning thy neat :
To thesher for hurting, of cow with his staffe,
oz making thy hen, to play tapple vp taile.
- 15 **S**ome pilfering thesher, will walke with a staffe,
will carrie home cozne, as it is in the chaffe :
And some in his bottle, of leather so great,
will carrie home dailie, both barlie and wheat.

Martil-
mas beefe,

Set gar-
like and
beanes.

Thesh-
ing.

Cattell
beaters.

Cozne-
stealers.

Kepe dyt
thy straw.

16 If housercome will serue thee, lay stower vp dyt,
and euerie sort, by it selfe for to lie :

Dy stacke it for litter, if come be too poore,
and thatch out the residue, noising the doore.

Euerie
weeke rid
thy barne
flower.

17 Cause weekelie thy thetther, to make vp his flower,
though slothfull and pilferer, thereat doe lower :

Take tub for a season, take sacke for a shift,
yet garner for graine, is the better for thyft.

18 All maner of strawe, that is scattered in yard,
good husoandle husbands, haue daillie regard:
In pit full of water, the same to bestowe,
where lieng to rot, thereof profit may growe.

Digging
of hed-
londs.

19 Now plough vp thy hedlond, or delue it with spade,
where otherwise profit, but little is made :

And cast it vp high, vpon hillocks to stand,
that winter may rot it, to compas thy land.

Tren-
ching of
gardens.

20 If garden require it, now trench it ye may,
one trench not a yard, from another go lay :

Which being well filled, with mucke by and by,
go couer with mould, for a season to lie.

Clening
of priuies.

21 Soule priuies are now, to be clenid and fide,
let night be appointed, such baggage to hide :

Which buried in garden, in trenches alowe,
shall make verie manie things, better to growe,

Scotte
chimnies.

22 The chimnie all scotte, would now be made cleene,
for feare of mischances, too oftentimes scene :

Old chimnie and scotte, if fier once take,
by burning and breaking, scone mischeefe may make.

Put horse
into stable.

23 When ploughing is ended, and pasture not great,
then stable thy horses, and tend them with meat :

Let season be dyt, when ye take them to house,
for danger of nits, or for feare of a louse.

Sattling
of dong.

24 Lay compas vp handsomlie, round on a hill,
to walke in thy yard, at thy pleasure and will :

Doe compas it maketh, and handsome the plot,
if horsekeeper daillie, forgetteth it not.

25 Make hillocks of molhils, in field thorough out,
and so to remaine, till the yeere go about:
Make also the like, whereas plots be too hie,
all winter a rotting, for compas to lie.

Thus endeth Nouembers husbandrie.

¶ Decembers abstract.

Chap. 20.

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| 1 | N ^O season to hedge,
get beetle and wedge.
Cleau logs now all,
for kitchin and hall. | 10 | At full and at change,
spring tides are strange.
If doubt ye stay,
drive cattle away. |
| 2 | Dull working toles,
sone courage coles. | 11 | Danke ling forgot,
will quicklie rot. |
| 3 | Leaue off fittle tattle,
and loke to thy cattle.
Serue yong pore elues,
alone by themselues. | 12 | Here learne and trie,
to turne it and drie. |
| 4 | Warne barth for neat,
worth halfe their meat.
The elder that nurteth,
the yonger sone hurteth. | 13 | Now stocks remoue,
that orchards loue. |
| 5 | House cote that is old,
while winter doth hold. | 14 | Set stocke to growe,
to thicke nor too lowe.
Set now as they come,
both cherrie and plome. |
| 6 | Dnt once in a day,
to drinke and to play. | 15 | Shæpe, hog, and ill beaſt,
bids stocke to ill feast. |
| 7 | Get trustie to serue,
least cattle doo serue.
And such as in deed,
may helpe at a need. | 16 | At Christmas is good,
to let thy horse blood. |
| 8 | Obserue this law,
in seruing out straw. | 17 | Marke here what rable,
of euils in stable. |
| 9 | In walking about,
god forke spe out. | 18 | Wre well (old gasse)
horse coyne with chaffe.
let Jacke nor Gill,
fetch coyne at will. |
| | | 19 | Some countries gift,
to make hard shift. |

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Some

Decembers husbandrie.

Some cattell well fare,
with fitches and tare.
Fitches and tares,
be þoꝛ folke iwares.

20 Tares threſhed with ſkill,
beſtoꝛe as ye will.

21 Hide ſtrawberies wiſe,
to ſaue their life.

22 Knot boꝛder and all,
now couer ye ſhall.

23 Helpe bees ſweet conie,
with liquor and honie.

24 Get campers a hall,
to campe therewithall.

Thus endeth Decembers ab-
ſtract, agreeing with Decem-
bers husbandrie.

¶ Octobers ſhort remem-
brances.

Let Chriſtmas ſpie,
yard cleane to lie.
þo labour, no ſweat,
go labour foꝛ heat.

Fæd dounes but kill not,
if ſtrop them ye will not.
Fat hog (per ye kill it)
oꝛ elſe ye do ſpill it.

Put ore in ſtall,
per ore do fall.
Who ſætheth hir grains,
hath profit foꝛ pains.

Kid garden of mallow,
plant willow and ſallow.

Let boꝛe liſe render,
ſee bzawne ſod tender.

For wiſe fruit bie,
foꝛ Chriſtmas pie.

All bread and ill drinke,
makes manie ill thinke.
Both meat and coſt,
ill dyſſed halfe loſt.

Who hath therewithall,
may chære then he ſhall.
But charged man,
muſt chære as he can.

Here ends Decembers ſhoꝛt remembrances.

¶ Decembers husbandrie.

Chap. 21.

A dirtie December,
Foꝛ Chriſtmas remember.

Forgotten month paſt,
Do now at the laſt.

Beetle &
wedges.

1 When froſt will not ſuffer, to dike and to hedge,
then get thee a heat, with thy beetle and wedge:
Once Hallomas come, and a fire in the hall,
ſuch ſlivers do well, foꝛ to lie by the wall.

2 Get

Decembers husbandrie.

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- 2 Get grindstone and whetstone, for tooke that is dull,
or often be letted, and great bellie full :
A wheelebarrow also, be readie to haue,
at hand of thy seruant, thy compass to saue.
- 3 Giue cattell their fodder, in plot drie and warme,
and count them for miring, or other-like harme :
Young colts with thy weinels, together go serue,
least lurches by others, they happen to serue.
- 4 The racke is commended, for sauing of doong,
to set as the old cannot mischeefe the young :
In tempest (the wind bearing northlie or east)
warne barth vnder hedge, is a succour to beast.
- 5 The housling of cattell, while winter dooth hold,
is good for all such, as are feeble and old :
It saueeth much compass, and manie a sleepe,
and spareth the pasture for walke of thy sheepe.
- 6 For charges so little, much quiet is won,
if stronglie and handsonlie, all thing be don :
But vse to vntackle them, once in a day,
to rub and to licke them, to drinke and to play.
- 7 Get trussie to tend them, not lubberlie squire,
that all the day long, hath his nose at the fire :
For trust vnto children, poore cattell to feed,
but such as be able, to helpe at a need.
- 8 Serue riestraw out first, then wheatstraw and pease,
then otesstraw and barlie, then hay if ye please :
But serue them with hay, while the straw stouer last,
then loue they no straw, they had rather to fast.
- 9 Pokes, forkes, and such other, let baillie spie out,
and gather the same, as he walketh about :
And after at leasure, let this be his hier,
to beath them and trim them, at home by the fier.
- 10 As well at the full, of the moone as the change,
sea rages in winter, be suddenly strange :
Then looke to thy marshes, if doubt be to fray,
for feare of (Ne forte) haue cattell away.

Grinding
stone, and
whetstone

Seruing
of cattell.

woodland
countrie.

Housling
of cattell.

Cham-
pion.

Ordering
of cattell.

Forks
and pokes.

Going of
cattell in
marshes.

- 11** Both saltfish and lungfish (if any ye haue)
 through shifting and drieng, from rotting go saue:
 Least winter with moistnes, doe make it relent,
 and put it in hazard, before it be spent.
- 12** Brome fagot is best, to drie haberden on,
 lay boord upon ladder, if fagots be gon:
 For breaking (in turning) haue verie good eie,
 and blame not the wind, so the weather be drie.
- 13** Good fruit and good plentie, dooth well in the loft,
 then make thee an orchard, and cherish it oft:
 For plant or for stocke, laie aforehand to cast,
 but set or remouue it, yer Christmas be past.
- 14** Set one fro another, full fortie foot wide,
 to stand as he stood, is a part of his pride:
 More faire more worthie, of cost to remouue,
 more steddie ye set it, more likelie to proue.
- 15** To teach and vnteach, in a schoole is vnmeet,
 to doe and vndo, to the purse is vnswart:
 Then orchard or hopyard, so trimmed with cost,
 should not thorough follie, be spoiled and lost.
- 16** Yer Christmas be passed, let horse be let blood,
 for manie a purpose, it dooth them much good:
 The day of S. Steuen, old fathers did vie,
 if that doe mislike thee, some other day chuse.
- 17** Looke well to thy horses, in stable thou must,
 that haie be not foultie, nor chaffe full of dust:
 For stone in their prouender, feather nor clots,
 nor fed with greene peason, for breeding of bots.
- 18** Some horsekeeper latheth, out prouender so,
 some Gillian spendall, so often dooth go:
 For hogs meat and hens meat, for that and for this,
 that cozne-lost is emptied, yer chapman hath his.
- 19** Some countries are pinched, of medowes for hay,
 yet ease it with fitches, as well as they may:
 Which inned and threshed, and husbandlie dight,
 keeps labouring cattle, in verie good plight.

20 In threshing out fitches, one point I will shew,
first thresh out for seed, of the fitches a few:
Thresh few fro thy plowhorse, thresh cleane for the cow,
this order in Norfolk, good husbands allow.

21 If frost doe continue, take this for a lawe,
the strawberries looke, to be couered with strawe:
Laid ouerlie trim, vpon crotches and bows,
and after vncouered, as weather allowes.

¶ Straw-
berries.

22 The gilliflower also, the skilfull doe knowe,
dooth looke to be couered, in frost and in snowe:
The knot and the boyder, and rosemarie gate,
doo craue the like succour, for dieng awaie.

¶ Gille-
flowers.

23 So looke to thy bees, if the hīue be too light,
set water and honie, with rosemarie dight:
Which set in a dish, full of sticks in the hīue,
from danger of famine, ye saue them aliue.

¶ How to
preferre
bees.

24 In medow or pasture (to grow the more fine)
let campers be camping, in ante of thine:
Which if ye doe suffer, when lowe is the spring,
you gaine to your selfe, a commodious thing.

Thus endeth Decembers husbandrie.

¶ A digression to hospitalitie.

Chap. 22.

Let husbandrie sleeping, awhile ye must doe,
to learne of housekeeping, a lesson or two:
What euer is lent thee, by trauell and paine,
a time there is lent thee, to rendyt againe.
Although ye defend it, vnspend for to bee,
another shall spend it, no thanke vnto thee:
How euer we cline, to accomplish the mind,
we haue but a time, thereof profit to find.

¶ A description of time, and the

yeare. Chap. 23.

Of God to thy doings, a time there is sent,
which endeth with time, that in doing is spent:

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For

Of the time and the yeare.

For time is it selfe, but a time for a time,
forgotten full soone, as the tune of a chime.

Spring.
Summer

In Springtime we reare, we sowe and we plant,
in Summer get vittels, least after we want:

Haruest.
Winter.

In Haruest we carrie in corne, and the fruit,
in Winter to spend, as we need of ech suit.

Childhood
youth.

The yeare I compare, as I find for a truth,
the Spring vnto childhood, the Summer to youth:

Manhood
Age.

The Haruest to manhood, the Winter to age,
all quicklie forgot, as a play on a stage.

Time past is forgotten, yet men be aware,
time present is thought on, with wonderfull care:

Time comming is feared, and therefore we saue,
yet oft yer it come, we be gone to the graue.

¶ A description of life and riches.

Chap. 24.

Who liuing, but daillie discerne it he may,
how life as a shadow, dooth vanish away:
And nothing to count on, so sure to trust,
as sure of death, and to turne to dust.

The lands and the riches, that here we possesse,
be none of our owne, if a God we professe:

But lent vs of him, as his talent of gold,
which being demanded, who can it withhold?

God maketh no writing, that iustlie dooth say,
how long we shall haue it, a yeere or a day:

Atrop or
death.

But leaue it we must (howsoeuer we leaue)
when Atrop shall plucke vs, from hence by the sleaue.

To death we must scope, be we high be we lowe,
but how and how suddenlie, few be that knowe:

What carrie we then, but a sheet to the graue,
to couer this carkas, of all that we haue?

¶ A description of housekeeping.

Chap. 25.

What then of this talent, while here we remaine,
but studie to prelo it, to God with a game?

And

And that shall we doe, if we doe it not hid,
but vse and bestow it, as Christ dooth vs bid.

What good to get riches, by breaking of sleepe,
but (hauiing the same) a good house for to keepe?
Not onelie to bring, a good fame to thy doore,
but also the prayer, to win of the poore.

Of all other doings, housekeeping is cheefe,
for daillie it helpeth, the poore with releefe:
The neighbour the stranger, and all that haue need,
which causeth thy doings, the better to speed.

Though harken to this, we should euer among,
yet cheeflie at Christmas, of all the yeere long:
Good cause of that vse, may appeare by the name,
though niggardlie niggards, doe kicke at the same.

¶ A description of the feast of the birth of Christ, commonlie
called Christmas. Chap. 26.

Of Christ cometh Christmas, the name with the feast,
a time full of ioy, to the greatest and least:
At Christmas was Christ (our Saviour) borne,
the world through sinne, altogether forlozne.

At Christmas the daies, doe begin to take length,
of Christ dooth religion, cheeflie take strength:

As Christmas is onelie, a figure or trope,
so onelie is Christ, the strength of our hope.

At Christmas we banquet, the rich with the poore,
who then (but the miser) but openeth his doore?

At Christmas of Christ, manie carols we sing,
and giue manie gifts, in the ioy of that king.

At Christmas in Christ, we reioice and be glad,
as onelie of whom, our comfort is had:

At Christmas we ioy, altogether with mirth,
for his sake that ioyed, vs all with his birth.

¶ A description of apt time to spend.
Chap. 27.

Let such (so fantastickall) liking not this,
Nor anie thing honest, that ancient is:

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Giue

Of Christmas.

Giue place to the time, that so meet we doe see,
appointed of God, as it seemeth to bee.

At Christmas good husbands, haue corne on the ground,
in barne and in soller, woorth manie a pound:
With plentie of other things, cattell and sheepe,
all sent them (no doubt on) good houses to keepe.

At Christmas the hardnes, of winter dooth rage,
a griper of all things, and speciallie age:
Then lightlie poore people, the yong with the old,
be sorest oppressed, with hunger and cold.

At Christmas by labour, is little to get,
that wanting, the poorest in danger are set:
What season then better, of all the whole yeere,
thy needie poore neighbour, to comfort and cheere?

¶ Againg fantastickall scruplenes.

Chap. 28.

AT this time & that time, some make a great matter,
some helpe not but hinder, & poore with their clatter:
Take custome from feasting, what commeth then last?
where one hath a dinner, a hundred shall fast.

To dog in the manger, some liken I could,
that hay will eat none, nor let other that would:
Some scarce in a yeere, giue a dinner or two,
nor well can abide, anie other to do.

Play thou the good fellow, seeke none to misdeeme,
disdaine not the honest, though merrie they seeme:
For oftentimes seene, no more verie a knaue,
than he that doth counterfait, most to be graue.

¶ Christmas husbandlie fare.

Chap. 29.

Good husbands and huswife, now cheeflie be glad,
things handsome to haue, as they ought to be had:
They both doe prouide, against Christmas doe come,
to welcome good neighbour, good cheere to haue some.

Christ-
mas can-
trie fare.

Good bread and good drinke, a good fire in the hall,
brazone, pudding and soule, and good mustard withall.

Beefe.

Beefe, mutton and porke, shyed pies of the best,
 pig, beale, geese and capon, and turkie well drest:
 Cheese, apples and nuts, iolie carols to heare,
 as then in the countreie, is counted good cheare.

What cost to good husband, is any of this?
 good household prouision, onelie it is:
 Of other the like, I leaue out a merie,
 that costeth the husbandman, neuer a penie.

¶ A Christmas Caroll of the birth of Christ,
 vpon the tune of King Salomon.
 Chap. 30.

WAs not Christ our Saviour,
 sent to vs fro God aboue?
 not for our good behauiour:
 but onelie of his mercie and loue.
 If this be true as true it is,
 truelie in deed:
 great thanks to God to yeeld for this,
 then had we need.

2 This did our God for verie troth,
 to traine to him the soule of man,
 and iustlie to performe his oth:
 to Sara and to Abram than,
 That through his seed all nations should,
 most blessed bee:
 As in due time performe he would,
 as now we see.

3 Which wonderouslie is brought to pas,
 and in our sight alreadie donne,
 by sending as his promise was,
 (to comfort vs) his onelie sonne,
 Euen Christ (I meane) that virgins child,
 in Bethlem borne:
 that Lambe of God, that prophet mild,
 with crowned thorne.

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4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,
 from dangers of the curse of God,
 that we stood in by Adams fall,
 and by our owne deserued rod,
 That throughe his blood and holie name,
 who so beleueus:
 and flee from sinne and abhors the same,
 free mercie he giues.

5 For these glad newes, this feast doth bring,
 to God the Sonne and Holie-ghost,
 let man giue thanks reioise and sing:
 from world to world, from coast to coast,
 For all good gifts to manie waies,
 that God dooth send:
 let vs in Christ giue God the praies,
 till life shall end.

T. Tuffer.

At Christmas be merie, and thankfull withall,
 And feast thy poore neighbors, the great with the small:
 Psea all the yeere long, to the poore let vs giue,
 Gods blessing to follow vs, whiles we doe liue.

¶ Ianuarie abstract.

Chap. 31.

1 **B**Id Christmas adew,
 thy stocke now renew.

2 Who killeth a neat,
 hath cheaper his meat.
 fat home fed soule,
 is god in a house.

3 Who dainties loue,
 a begger shall proue.
 Who alway sels,
 in hunger dwels.

4 Who nothing saue,
 shall nothing haue.

5 Lay durt vpon heaps,
 some profit it reaps.
 When weather is hard,
 get mucke out of yard.
 A fallow besolue,
 where pease shall growe.
 Good peason and white,
 a fallow will quite.

6 Go gather quickset,
 the pongest go get.
 Dig garden strow mallow,
 set willow and fallow.

¶ Pert

Greene willow for stake,
in banke will take.

þert yere ye may,
that bough cut away.

7 Let do go to bucke,
with conie god lucke.
Spare labour for monie,
þoze borrough with conie.
Get warrener bound,
to bermine thy ground.
Feed doves but kill not,
if lose them ye will not.
Dove-house repaire,
make done-hole faire.
For hop ground cold,
done doing worth gold.

15 A lesson god,
to increase moze wood.

16 Saue crotches of lund,
saue spars and stud.
Saue hop for his dole,
the strong long pole.

17 How euer ye scotch,
saue pole and crotch.

18 From Christmas to May,
weake cattell decay.

19 With bergis acquaint,
þoze bullocke so faint.
This medicine approued,
is for to be loued.

20 Let plaiser lie,
thre daies to trie.
Too long if ye stay,
taile rots away.

8 God gardiner mine,
make garden fine.
Set garden pease,
and beans if ye please.
Set respis and rose,
yong roots of those.

9 The timelie buier,
hath cheper his fier.

10 Some burns without wit,
some fierlesse sit.

11 How season is god,
to lop or fell wood.
Þrune trees some allowes,
for catell to þrowes.

21 Ewes readie to peane,
cranes ground rid cleane.
Kepe thepe out of byers,
kepe beast out of miers.

22 Kepe bushes from bill,
till hedge ye will.
Best had for thy turne,
their roots go and burne.

12 Give shepe to their fass,
the middle of trees,

13 Let lop be thorne,
that hindereth corne.
Saue edder and stake,
strong hedge to make.

23 No bushes of mine,
if fense be thine.

24 In stubbed plot,
fill hole with clot.

14 For say as ye knowe,
let one bough growe.

25 Rid grasle of bones,
of sticks and stones.

26 Warme

- 26 What me barth gine lams,
good fod to their dams.
Loke dailie well to them,
least dogs vndw them.
- 27 Young lam well sold,
fat lam worth gold.
- 28 Keepe twins for byed,
as ewes haue need.
- 29 One calfe if it please ye,
now reared shall ease ye.
Calves likeliere reare,
at rising of yeare.
Calfe large and leane,
is best to weane.
- 30 Calfe lict take away,
and house it ye may.
this point I allow,
for seruant and cow.
- 31 Calves yonger than other,
learnes one of another.
- 32 No danger at all,
to geld as they fall.
Pet Spichell cries,
please butchers eyes.
- 33 Sow readie to fare,
craues huswifes care.
- 34 Leane sow but fine,
the better to thryue.
- 35 Weane such for store,
as sucks before.
Weane onelie but thre,
large breeders to be.
- 36 Lam, bulchin and pig,
geld vnder the big.
- 37 Learne witte fir dolt,
in gelding of colt.
- 38 Geld young thy fillie,
else perissh will ginnte.
Let gelding alone,
so large of bone.
By breathelic tits,
few profit hits.
- 39 Breed euer the best,
and doo off the rest.
Of long and large,
take huswife a charge.
- 40 Good cow and good ground
yelds yerele a pound.
Good faring sow,
holds profit with cow.
- 41 Who keeps but twaine,
the more may gaine.
- 42 Tiesh tustlie god garson,
elle dyue will the parson.
- 43 Thy garden twisallow,
strop hemlocke and mallow,
- 44 Like practise they proue,
that hops do loue.
- 45 Sow make and wand in,
trim bowter to stand in.
leane wadling about,
till arbor be out.
- 46 Who now sowes otes,
gets gold and grots,
Who sowes in May,
gets little that way.
- 47 Go breake vp land,
get maddocke in hand.

Stub root so tough,
for breaking of plough.

48 What greater crime,
than losse of time?

49 Lay land for leaze,
breake vp if ye please.
But fallow not yet,
that hast anie wit.

50 Where drinke ye solwe,
god tilth bestowe.

51 Small profit is found,
by peeling of ground.

52 Land past the best,
cast vp to rest.

Thus endeth Ianuaries abstract,
agreeing with Ianuaries husbandrie.

¶ Other short remembrances.

Get pulling hooke (sirs)
for byome and sirs.
Plucke byome, byome still,
cut byome, byome kill.

Byome pluckt by and by,
breake vp for rie.
Friend ringle thy hog,
or loke for a dog.

In casting prouide,
for seed lay aside.
Get dong friend mine,
for stocke and vine.

If earth be not soft,
go dig it aloft.
For quamier get boots,
Stub alders and roots.

Hop poles war scant,
for poles mo plant.
Set chestnut and walnut,
set filbeard and smalnut.

Peach plumtree and cherie,
young bay and his berte,
Do set their stone,
vnset leaue out none.

Sowe kirkels to beare,
of apple and pear.
All trees that beare gum,
set now as they cum.

Sow set or remoue,
such stocks as ye loue.

Here ends Ianuaries short remembrances.

Of trees or roots to be set
or remooued.

- 1 Apple trees of all sorts.
- 2 Appicocks.
- 3 Barberies.
- 4 Bullesse blacke & white.
- 5 Cheries red and blacke.
- 6 Chestnuts.
- 7 Cornet plums.
- 8 Damscens white & blacke.
- 9 Filbeards red and white.
- 10 Goseberies.
- 11 Grapes white and red.
- 12 Grene or grasse plums.
- 13 Hurtleberies.
- 14 Pedlers or marles.
- 15 Pulberies.
- 16 Peaches white and red.
- 17 Peares of all sorts.
- 18 Perarplums blacke and yellow.
- 19 Quince

Ianuaries husbandrie.

19 Quince trees.

20 Kelpis.

21 Keisens.

22 Small nuts.

23 Strawberies red and white.

24 Seruice trees.

25 Walnuts.

26 Wardens white and red,

27 Wheat plums.

Now set ye may,

the bor and bay.

Haithorne and prim,

for clothes trim.

¶ Ianuaries husbandrie.

Chap. 32.

I kindle god Ianuare,
Freseth pot by the fere.Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.Husband-
ry lessons.

1 **W**hen Christmas is ended, bid feasting adue,
go play the good husband, thy stocke to reue:
Be mindfull of rearing, in hope of a gaine,
dame profit shall giue thee, reward for thy paine.

2 **W**ho both by his calfe, and his lambe will be knowne,
may well kill a neat, and a sheepe of his owne:
And he that can reare vp a pig in his house,
hath cheaper his bacon, and sweeter his soule.

3 **W**ho eateth his beale, pig and lambe beeing froth,
shall twise in a weeke, go to bed without bryth:
Unskilfull that passe not, but sell away sell,
shall neuer haue plentie, where euer they dwell.

4 **B**e greedie in spending, and carelesse to saue,
and shortlie be needie, and readie to craue:
Be wilfull to kill, and unskilfull to store,
and looke for no foison, I tell thee before.

5 **L**ay dirt vpon heapes, faire yard to be scene,
if frost will abide it, to feld with it cleane:
In winter a fallow, some loue to bestowe,
where pease for the pot, they intend for to sowe.

Quick-
set now.

6 **I**n making or mending, as needeth thy ditch,
get set to quicke set it, learne cunninglie which:
In hedging (where clay is) get stake as ye knowe,
of popler and willow, for fewell to growe,

7 Leane

7 Leauē killing of conie, let do go to bucke,
and vermine thy burrow, for feare of ill lucke:
Feed doue (no more killing) old doue-house repaire,
saue douc-dwong for hopyard, when house ye make faire.

Kepe
cleane thy
doughouse

8 Dig garden stroy mallow, now may ye at ease,
and let (as a daintie) thy runciuall pease:
Go cut and let roses, choise aptlie the plot,
the roots of the yongest, are best to be got.

Runciuall
peason.

9 In tūne go and bargaine, least wooller ye fall,
for fewell for making, for cariage and all:
To buie at the stub, is the best for the buier,
more timelie prouision, the cheaper is fier.

Timelie
prouision
for fewell.

10 Some burneth a lode, at a time in his hall,
some neuer leauē burning, till burnt they haue all:
Some making of hauocke, without anie wit,
make manie poore soules, without fire to sit.

In hus-
bandrie.

11 If frost doo continue, this lesson dooth well,
for comfort of cattell, the fewell to sell:
From euerie tree, the superfluous bows,
Now prune for thy neat, therevpon to go hrowes.

Pruning
of trees.

12 In pruning and trimming, all maner of trees,
referue to ech cattell, their properlie fees:
If snowe doo continue, shæpe hardlie that fare,
craue Hille and Iule, for them for to spare.

Hille
and Iule.

13 Now lop for thy fewell, old pollenger growne,
that hinder the corne, or the grasse to be mowne:
In lopping and felling, saue edder and flake,
thine hedges as needeth, to mend or to make.

14 In lopping old Iocham, for feare of mishap,
one bough stay vnlopped, to cherish the sap:
The second yeare after, then boldlie ye may,
for driping his fellows, that bough cut away.

Lopping
of pollen-
gers.

15 Lop popler and fallow, elme maple and pye,
well saued from cattell, till Summer to lie:
So far as in lopping, their tops ye doo fling,
so far without planting, yong copie will spring.

The pro-
pertie of
loft wood.

Hop poles
and cro-
ches.

A medi-
cine for
faint cat-
tell.

To fasten
loose teeth
in a bul-
locke.

Ewes by
on eaming.

Stub-
bing of
græns.

16 Such seiwell as standing, a late ye haue bought,
now sell it and make it, and doe as ye ought:
Giue charge to the hewers (that many things mars)
to hew out for crotches, for poles and for spars.

17 If hopyard or orchard, ye mind for to haue,
for hop poles and crotches, in lopping go saue:
Which husbandlie saued, may serue at a push,
and stop by so hauing, two gaps with a bush.

18 From Christmas, till May be well entered in,
some cattell war faint, and looke poyrelie and thin:
And cheefly when prime-grasse, at first dooth appere,
then most is the danger, of all the whole peere.

19 Take vergis and heat it, a pint for a cow,
hay salt a handfull, to rub toong ye wot how:
That done with the salt, let hir drinke off the rest,
this manie times raiseh, the feeble vp best,

20 Poore bullocke with browsing, and naughtilie fed,
scarce feedeth, hir teeth be so loose in hir bed:
Then lise ye the taile, where ye feele it so soft,
with foot and with garlike, bound to it aloft.

21 By brembles and bushes, in pasture too full,
poore sheepe be in danger, and looseh their will:
Now therefore thine ewe, vpon lamming so neere,
desireth in pasture, that all may be clere.

22 Leaue grubbing or pulling, of bushes (my sonne)
till timelie thy senses, require to be donne:
Then take of the best, for to furnish thy turne,
and home with the rest, for the fier to burne.

23 In euerie greene, if the fensle be not thine,
now stub vp the bushes, the grasse to be fine:
Least neighbour doe daile, so hacke them belue,
that neither thy bushes, nor pasture can thriue.

24 In ridding of pasture, with turfes that lie by,
fill euerie hole vp, as close as a dy:
The labour is little, the profit is gay,
what euer the loitering labourers say.

- 25 The sticks and the stones, go and gather vp cleene,
for hurting of lieth, or for harming of greene:
For feare of Hew powler, get home with the rest,
when frost is at hardest, then cariage is best.
- 26 Young broome or good pasture, thy ewes doe require,
warne barth and in safetie, their lambs doe desire:
Looke often well to them, for foxes and dogs,
for pits and for brembles, for vermin and hogs.
- 27 More daintie the lambe, more worth to be sold,
the sooner the better, for ewe that is old:
But if ye doe mind, to haue milke of the dame,
till May doe not leuer, the lambe fro the same.
- 28 Ewes yeerlie by twinning, rich maisters doe make,
the lambe of such twimmers, for breeders go take:
For twinlings be twiggers, increase for to bring,
though some for their twigging, Peccau may sing.
- 29 Calues liklie that come, betwæne Christmas & Lent,
take huswife to reare, or else after repent:
Of such as doe fall, betwæne change and the prime,
no rearing but sell, or go kill them in time.
- 30 House calfe and go suckle it, twise in a day,
and after a while, let it water and hay:
Stake ragged to rub on, no such as will bend,
then weane it well tended, at fiftie daies end.
- 31 The senior weaned, his yonger shall teach,
both how to drinke water, and hay for to reach:
More stroken and made of, when ought it dooth asle,
more gentle ye make it, for yoke or the paille.
- 32 Geld bull-calfe and ram-lambe, as soone as they fall, Or gelding.
for therein is lightlie, no danger at all:
Some spareth the tone, for to pleasure the eye,
to haue him shew greater, when butcher shall bie.
- 33 Sowes readie to farrow, this time of the yeere,
are for to be made of, and counted full deere:
For now is the losse, of the fare of the sow,
more great than the losse, of two calues of thy cow.

¶
Rearing
of pigs.

34 Of one sow together, reare few aboute five,
and those of the fairest, and likeliest to thriue:
Angelt of the best, keepe a couple for store,
one boze-pig and sow-pig, that sucketh befoze.

¶
A way
to haue
large
breed of
hogs.

35 Who hath a desire, to haue store verie large,
at Whitsuntide, let him giue huswife a charge:
To reare of a sow at once, onelie but thre,
and one of them also, a boze let it bee.

¶
Gelding
time.

36 Geld vnder the dam, within fortnight at least,
and saue both thy monie, and life of the beast:
Geld later with gelders, as manie one doe,
and looke of a dozen, to geld away twoo.

¶
Gelding
of horse
colts.

37 Thy colts for the saddle, geld yong to be light,
for cart doe not so, if thou iudgest aright:
Doe geld not, but when they be lustie and fat,
for there is a point, to be learned in that.

¶
Gelding
of fillies.

38 Geld fillies (but tits) yer a nine daies of age,
they die else of gelding (or gelders doe rage:)
Yong fillies so likelie, of bulke and of bone,
keepe such to be breeders, let gelding alone.

¶
Reare the
fairest of
all things.

39 For gaining a trifle, sell neuer thy store,
what loy to acquaintance, what pleasureth moze?
The larger of bodie, the better for breed,
moze forward of growing, the better they speed.

¶
Of cow
and sow.

40 Good milchcow well fed, that is faire and sound,
is peerlie for profit, as good as a pound:
And yet by the yeere, haue I proued yer now,
as good to the purse, is a sow as a cow.

¶

41 Keepe one and keepe both, with as little a cost,
then all shall be saued, and nothing be lost:
Both hauing together, what profit is caught,
Good huswiues (I warrant ye) need not be taught.

¶

42 For lambe, pig and calfe, and for other the like,
tithe so as thy cattell, the Lord doe not strike:
Or if ye deale guilefullie, parson will dyeue,
and so to your selfe, a worse turne ye may geue.

- 43 Thy garden plot latelie, well trenched and muckt,
would now be twifallowd, the mallows out pluckt:
Well clesed and purged, of root and of stone,
that fault therein afterward, found may be none.
- 44 Remember thy hopyard, if season be drie,
now dig it and weed it, and so let it lie:
More fennie the laier, the better his lust,
more apt to beare hops, when it crumbles like dust.
- 45 To arbor begun, and quicke setted about,
no powling nor wadling, till set be far out:
For rotten and aged, may stand for a shew,
but hold to their tackling, there doe but a few.
- 46 In Ianuarie, husband that pouceth the grotes,
will breake vp his laie, or be sowing of otes:
Otes sowne in Ianuarie, lay by the wheat,
in May by the hay, for the cattell to eat.
- 47 Let seruant be readie, with mattocke in hand,
to stub out the bushes, that noieth the land:
And cumber some roots, so annoieng the plough,
turne vpward their arles, with sorow inough.
- 48 Who breaketh vp timelie, his fallow or lay,
sets forward his husbandrie, manie a way:
This trimlie well ended, dooth forwardlie bring,
not onelie thy tillage, but all other thing.
- 49 Though lay land ye breake vp when Christmas is gon,
for sowing of barlie, or otes therevpon:
Yet hast not to fallow, till March be begun,
least afterward wishing, it had bene vndun.
- 50 Such land as ye breake vp, for barlie to sowe,
two earths at the least, yet ye sowe it besfowe:
If land be thereafter, set oting apart,
and follow this lesson, to comfort thine hart.
- 51 Some breaking vp lay, soweth otes to begin,
to sucke out the moisture, so sower therein:
Yet otes with hir sucking, a peeler is found,
both ill to the maister, and woyle to some ground.

weeding
of hop-
yard.

Trim-
ming bp
arbors.

Sowing
of otes.
Late so-
wing not
good.

Brea-
king bp
lay in som
countrie.

Februaries abstract.

51 Land arable, diuēn or moynē to the prowe,
it craueth some rest, for thy profits behoofe:
With otes ye may sowē it, the sōner to grasse,
moze sōne to be pasture, to bying it to passe.

Thus endeth Januaries husbandrie.

* Februaries abstract.

Chap. 33.

- 1 **L**ay compass inow, 9 Much carting ill tillage,
per euer ye plow. makes some to sīe village.
- 2 Place dong heaps alowe, 10 Use cattell aright,
moze barlie to growe. to kēpe them in plight.
- 3 Eat etch per ye plow, 11 God quickset bie,
with hog, shæpe and cow. old gathered will dye.
Sowe lintels ye may, 12 Sticke botws a rowe,
and peason gray. where runciualls growe.
Kēpe whīte insowne, 13 Sowe kirkels and hatwe,
till moze be knowne. where redge ye bid drawe.
- 4 Sowe pease (god trull) 14 Sowe mustard seed,
the mōne past full. and helpe to kill weed.
Ifine sēds then sowe, Where sets dō growe,
whilst mōne doth growe. sē nothing ye sowe.
- 5 Boy follow the plough, 15 Cut vines and oster,
and harrow inough. plash hedge of incloser.
So harrow ye shall, Feed highlie thy swan,
till couerd be all. to loue hir god man.
- 6 Sowe pease not too thin, Best high I aduise,
per plough ye set in. least flood dō arise.
- 7 Late sowne soze noleth, 16 Land medow spare,
late ripe hog stroweth. there dong is god ware.
- 8 Some prouender saue, 17 Go strike off the nowles,
for plowhorse to haue. of deluing nowles.
To orcn that drawe, Such hillocks in baine,
giue hay and not strawe. lay leuelled plaine.
To stēres ye may, 18 To wet the land,
mice strawe with hay. let nowle hill stand.

- 19 **W**ore cattell craue,
some thift to haue.
20 **C**ow little giueth,
that hardlie liueth.
21 **K**id barlie all now,
cleane out of thy mow.
Choyce feed out draue,
saue cattle the strawe.
22 **T**o coast man ride,
Lent stusse to provide.

Thus endeth Februarie abstract,
agreeing with Februarie husbandrie.

¶ Other short remembrances.

Trench medow and redge,
dike quickset and hedge.
To plots not full,
ad byemle and hull.
Let the eat and the rie,
for thesler still lie.
Such strawe some saue,
for thacker to haue.
Wore cunnie so bagged,
is soone ouer lagged.
Wash burrow, set clapper,
for dog issa snapper.

Here ends Februarie short remembrances.

¶ Februarie husbandrie.

Chap. 34.

Februarie fill the dike,
with that thou dost like.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

Who laith on doing, yer he laith on plow,
such husbandrie bleth, as thrist dooth allow:
One month yer ye spred it, so still let it stand,
yer euer to plow it, ye take it in hand.

E.iii.

2 Place

God sight who loues,
must feed their doutes.
Bid hauking adew,
cast hawke into mew.

Kepe shepe out of byers,
kepe beast out of miers.
Kepe lambs from for,
else shepherd go bor.

God neighbour mine,
now poke thy swine.
Now euerie day,
set hops ye may.

Now set for thy pot,
best herbs to be got.
For flowers go set,
all sorts ye can get.

As winter doth proue,
so may ye remoue.
Now all things reare,
for all the yeare.

Watch ponds, go loke
to wæles and hoke.
Knaues seld repent,
to steale in Lent.

Alls fish they get,
that commeth to net.
Who mucke regards,
makes hillocks in yards.

- 2 Place dooing heape alow, by the furrow along,
where water all winter-time did it such wrong :
So make ye the land, to be lustie and fat,
and coine thereon sowne, to be better for that.
- 3 Go plow in the stubble, for now is the season,
for sowing of fitches, of beans and of peason :
Sowe rincuals timelie, and all that be gray,
but sowe not the white, till S. Gregories day.
- 4 Sowe peason and beans, in the wane of the moone,
who soweth them sooner, he soweth too soone :
That they with the planet, may rest and arise,
and flourish with bearing, most plentifull wise.
- 5 Friend harrow in time, by some maner of meanes,
not onelie thy peason, but also thy beanes :
Unharrowed die, being buried in clay,
where harrowed flourish, as flowers in May.
- 6 Both peason and beans, sowe afoze ye doo plow,
the sooner ye harrow, the better for you :
White peason so good, for the purse and the pot,
let them be well used, else well doo ye not.
- 7 Haue eie vnto haruest, what euer ye sowe,
for feare of mischances, by riping too slowe :
Least coine be destroied, contrarie to right,
by hogs or by cattell, by day or by night.
- 8 Good prouender, labouring horses would haue,
good hay and good plentie, plow oren doo craue :
To hale out thy mucke, and to plow out thy ground,
or else it may hinder thee, manie a pound.
- 9 Who slacketh his tillage, a carter to bee,
for grote got abroad, at home lose shall thee :
And so by his dooing, he byings out of hart,
both land for the coine, and horse for the cart.
- 10 Who abuseth his cattle, and starues them for meat,
by carting or plowing, his gaine is not great :
Where he that with labour, can vse them aright,
hath gaine to his comfort, and cattle in plight.

11 Buy quickset at market, new gathered and small,
buy bushes or willow, to fence it withall:
Set willows to growe, in the stead of a stake,
for cattle in summer, a shadowe to make.

12 Sticke plentie of bows, among runciuall pease,
to climber thereon, and to branch at their ease:
So doing more tender, and greater they wer,
if peacocks and turkey, leaue iobbing their ber.

¶
Runciuall
pason.

13 Nowe sowe & go harrow (where redye ye did draw)
the seed of the brenble, with kirnell and haw:
Which couered ouerlie, soone to shut out,
go see it be ditched, and fenced about.

14 Where banks be amended, and newlie vp cast,
sowe mustard-seed, after a shower be past:
Where plots full of nettles, be noisome to ele,
sowe thereupon hempsed, and nettles will die.

¶
Sowe
mustard
seed.

15 The vines and the osiers, cut and go set,
if grape be vnpleasant, a better go get:
Feed swan, and go make hir vp stronglie a nest,
for feare of a floud, good and high is the best.

¶
Cut or set
vines.

16 Land medow that yerlie, is spared for hay,
nowe fence it and spare it, and doing it ye may:
Get mowle catcher, cunninglie mowle for to kill,
and harrow, and cast abroad euerie hill.

¶
Catching
of mowls.

17 Where medowe or pasture, to mowle ye doo lay,
let mowle be dispatched, some maner of way:
Then cast abroad mowhill, as flat as ye can,
for manie commodities, following than.

18 If pasture by nature, is giuen to be wet,
then bare with the mowhill, though thicke it be set:
That lambe may sit on it, and so to sit drie,
or else to lie by it, the warmer to lie.

19 Friend alway let this be, a part of thy care,
for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare:
So haue you good feeding, in bushets and lease,
and quicklie safe finding, of cattell at ease.

¶
Take
well to
thy fence.

Marches abstract.

- 20 Where cattell may run about, rousing at will,
from pasture to pasture, poore bellie to fill:
There pasture and cattell, both hungrie and bare,
for want of good husbandrie, woofler doe fare.
- 21 Now thesh out thy barlie, for malt or for seed,
for breadcorne (if need be) to serue as shall need:
If worke for the thesher, ye mind for to haue,
of wheat and of messien, vntreshed go saue.
- 22 Now timelie for Lent stufte, thy monie disburse,
the longer ye tarrie, for profit the worse:
If one penie vantage, be therein to saue,
of Coastman or Flemming, be surer to haue.

Thus endeth Februarie husbandrie.

¶ Marches abstract.

Chap. 35.

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| 1 | W | hite peason sowe,
scare hungrie crowe, | 7 | L | eau space and rōme,
to hillocke to come, |
| 2 | S | pare medow for hay,
spare marches at May. | 8 | O | f hedge and willow,
hop makes his pillow,
God bearing hop,
clines vp to the top.
Keepe hop from sun,
and hop is vndun. |
| 3 | K | eepe sheepe from dog,
keepe lambs from hog.
If fores mowse them,
then watch or howse them. | 9 | H | op toles procure,
that may endure.
Iron crowe like a stake,
deepe hole to make.
A scraper to pare,
the earth about bare.
A hone to raise rot,
like sole of a bot.
Sharpe knife to cut,
superfluous gut. |
| 4 | M | arch drie or wet,
hop ground go set.
Poung roots well dress,
proue euer best.
Grant hop great hill,
to growe at will.
From hop long gut,
away go cut. | 10 | W | ho grafting lones,
now grafting proues, |
| 5 | H | ere learne the way,
hop roots to lay. | | | |
| 6 | R | oots best to proue,
thus set I loue, | | | |

- Ofeuerie suit,
grasse daintie fruit.
Grasse god fruit all,
o2 grasse not at all.
- 11 Grasse sone may be lost,
both grassing and cost.
Learne here take heed,
that counsell doth beed.
- 12 Solwe barlie that can,
to sone ye shall ban.
Let horse kepe his owne,
till barlie be solwe.
Solwe euen thy land,
with plentiful hand.
Solwe ouer and vnder,
in clay is no wonder.
- 13 By solwing in wet,
is little to get.
- 14 Straight follow the plow,
and harrow inow.
With sling go thow,
go scare away crowe.
- 15 Rowle after a deaw,
when barlie doth sheaw.
More handsome to make it,
to moue and to rake it.
- 16 Learne here ye may,
best harrowing way.
- 17 Now rowle thy wheat,
where clods be to great.
- 18 Make readie a plot,
for seeds for the pot.
- 19 Best searching minds
the best way finds.
- 20 For garden best,
is south southwester.

- 21 God tilth brings seeds,
euill tulture weeds.
- 22 For summer solwe now,
for winter see how.
- 23 Learne time to knowe,
to set o2 solwe.
- 24 Young plants sone die,
that growes too drie.
- 25 In countrie doth rest,
that season is best.
- 26 God peason and leeks,
makes pottage for cricks.
- 27 Haue sponne meat inough,
for cart and the plough.
God poze mans fare,
is poze mans care.
And not to boast,
of sod and roast.
- 28 Cause roke and rauen,
to seeke a new hauen.

Thus endeth Marches abstract,
agreeing with Marches husbandrie.

¶ Other short remembrances.

Weld lambs now all,
straight as they fall.
Looke twice a day,
least lambs decay.

Where horse did harrow,
put stones in barrow.
And lay them by,
in heaps on hy.

Let ore once fat,
lose nothing of that.

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Marches abstract.

Pole hunt with dog,
unpoked hog.

Wish doves good lucke,
reare goose and ducke.

To spare aright,
spare March his flight.

Seeds and herbs for the
kitchen.

- 1 A Tens.
- 2 A Betonie.
- 3 Blets or beets, white or
yellow.
- 4 Bloodwort.
- 5 Buglos.
- 6 Burnet.
- 7 Burrage.
- 8 Cabage remoue in June.
- 9 Clarie.
- 10 Coleworts.
- 11 Cresses.
- 12 Endiue.
- 13 Fennell.
- 14 French malows.
- 15 French saffron set in Au-
gust.
- 16 Langdebeese.
- 17 Leeks remoue in June.
- 18 Lettis remoue in May.
- 19 Longwort.
- 20 Luertwort.
- 21 Parigolds often cut.
- 22 Mercurie.
- 23 Pints at all times.
- 24 Pep.
- 25 Onions from December
to March.
- 26 Orach or arach, red and

white.

- 27 Patience.
 - 28 Perceley.
 - 29 Penetiall.
 - 30 Primrose.
 - 31 Rozet.
 - 32 Rosemarie in the spring
time to growe, south or
west.
 - 33 Sage red and white.
 - 34 English saffron set in Au-
gust.
 - 35 Summer sauozie.
 - 36 Sozell.
 - 37 Spinage.
 - 38 Suckerie.
 - 39 Sieths.
 - 40 Tanzie.
 - 41 Time.
 - 42 Violets of all sorts.
 - 43 Winter sauozie.
- Herbs and roots for sallets
and sauce.
- 1 Alexanders at all times.
 - 2 Artichokes.
 - 3 Blessed thistle, or Carduus
benedictus.
 - 4 Cucumbers, in Aprill and
May.
 - 5 Cresses, sowe with Lettis
in the spring.
 - 6 Endiue.
 - 7 Mustard seed, sowe in the
spring, and at Michelmass.
 - 8 Muske million, in Aprill and
May.
 - 9 Pints.
 - 10 Purslane.

11 Radish, after remoue them.

12 Rampions.

13 Kokat in Aprill.

14 Sage.

15 Sozell.

16 Spinage for the summer.

17 Sea hokie.

18 Sparage, let growe two yeares, and then remoue.

19 Skirrrets, let these plants in March.

20 Suckerie.

21 Tarragon, set in slippes in March.

22 Violets of all colours.

These buy with the penic.
Do take not for anie.

1 Capers.

2 Lemmans.

3 Olives.

4 Oregis.

5 Rife.

6 Sampre.

Herbes and roots to boile
or to butter.

1 Beans, set in winter.

2 Cabbages, solve in March,
and after remoue.

3 Carrets.

4 Citrons, solve in May.

5 Cords in May.

6 Paueus solve in June.

7 Pompsions in May.

8 Perseneps in winter.

9 Runciuall pease set in winter.

10 Rapes solve in June.

11 Turneps in March & Aprill.

Strowing herbs of all
forts.

1 Basil fine and bushy, solve
in May.

2 Baubne set in March.

3 Camomill.

4 Costmarie.

5 Cotwslips and pagles.

6 Daisies of all sorts.

7 Swæt fennell.

8 Germander.

9 Flop set in Februarie.

10 Lauender.

11 Lauender spike.

12 Lauender coton.

13 Pairozam knotted, solve or
set at the spring.

14 Patweline.

15 Penall riall.

16 Roses of all sorts in Januarie
and September.

17 Red mints.

18 Sage.

19 Tanzie.

20 Violets.

21 Winter sauorie.

Herbs, branches and flowers
for windowes and
pers.

1 Baies solve or set in plants
in Januarie.

2 Batchlers buttons.

3 Bottels, blew red and
tawonie.

4 Collumbines.

5 Campions.

6 Cotwslips.

7 Daffadondillies.

8 Eglar.

- 8 Eglantine oz swæt byer.
- 9 Fetherfew.
- 10 Flower armour solve in May.
- 11 Flower de luce.
- 12 Flower gentle white and red.
- 13 Flower nice.
- 14 Gilleflowers red, white and carnation, set in spring, and at haruest in pots, pailles oz tubs, oz for summer in beds.
- 15 Holiokes, red, white, and carnation.
- 16 Indian etc, solve in May, oz set in slips in March.
- 17 Lauender of all sorts.
- 18 Larks foot.
- 19 Laus tibi.
- 20 Lilium conuallium.
- 21 Lilies red and white, solve oz set in March, and September.
- 22 Marigolds double.
- 23 Pigella Romana.
- 24 Paoncies oz harts-ease.
- 25 Pagles greene and yelow.
- 26 Pinks of all sorts.
- 27 Quenes gilleflowers.
- 28 Rosemarie.
- 29 Roses of all sorts.
- 30 Snag dragons.
- 31 Sops in wine.
- 32 Swæt williams.
- 33 Swæt Johns.
- 34 Star of Bethelem.
- 35 Star of Jerusalem.
- 36 Stocke gilleflowers of all sorts.
- 37 Tuft gilleflowers.
- 38 Helnet flowers, oz French Marigolds.
- 39 Violets yelow and white.
- 40 Wall gilleflowers of all sorts.

Herbs to still in Summer.

- 1 Blessed thistle.
- 2 Betonie.
- 3 Dill.
- 4 Endiue.
- 5 Ciebright.
- 6 Fennell.
- 7 Fumitorie.
- 8 Hop.
- 9 Mints.
- 10 Plantine.
- 11 Roses red and damaske.
- 12 Respies.
- 13 Saristrage.
- 14 Stratoberies.
- 15 Sorrell.
- 16 Suckerie.
- 17 Wood:osse for sweet waters and cakes.

Necessarie herbs to grow in the garden for phylicke, not reherled before.

- 1 Annis.
- 2 Archangell.
- 3 Betonie.
- 4 Charnile.
- 5 Cinquile.
- 6 Cummin.
- 7 Dragons.

8 Dittanie

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| 8 Dittanie or garden ginger. | 20 Smalach for swellings. |
| 9 Cromell seed for the stone. | 21 Saxifrage for the stone. |
| 10 Hartswong. | 22 Sauiue for the bots. |
| 11 Horehound. | 23 Stitchwort. |
| 12 Louage for the stone. | 24 Valerian. |
| 13 Licoraz. | 25 Woodbind. |
| 14 Pandzake. | |
| 15 Pugwort. | |
| 16 Pioners. | |
| 17 Poppie. | |
| 18 Kew. | |
| 19 Kubarb. | |

Thus ends in briefe,
Of herbes the cheefe.
To get more skill,
Read whom ye will.
Such mo to haue,
Of field go craue.

¶ Marches husbandrie.

Chap. 36.

March dust to be sold,
Worth ransome of gold.

Forgotten month past.
Doo now at the last.

- 1 **W**hite peason, both good for the pot and the purse,
by sowing too timelie, proue often the worse:
Bicause they be tender, and hateth the cold,
proue March yer ye sowe them, for being too bold.
- 2 Spare meadow at Gregorie, marshes at Paske,
for feare of drie Summer, no longer time aske:
Then hedge them and ditch them, bestow thereon pence,
coyne, meadow and pasture, aske alway good sence.
- 3 Of massiues and mungrels, that manie we see,
a number of thousands, too manie there bee:
Watch therefore in Lent, to thy sheepe go and looke,
for dogs will haue vittels, by hooke or by crooke.
- 4 In March at the furdell, drie season or wet,
hop roots so well chosen, let skilfull go set:
The goeler and yonger, the better I loue,
well gutted and pared, the better they proue.
- 5 Some laiceth them crossewise, along in the ground,
as high as the knee, they doo couer by round:
Some pricke by a sticke, in the mids of the same,
that little round hillocke, the better to frame.

Spare
eating of
meadow.

In Lent
haue an
eye to sheep
biters.

Setting
of hops.

6 Some

- 6 Some maketh a hollownes, halfe a foot deepe,
with fower sets in it, set slant-wise asleepe.
One foot from another, in order to lie,
and thereon a hillocke, as round as a pie.
- 7 Fiue foot from another, ech hillocke would stand,
as streight, as a leueled line with the hand:
Let euerie hillocke, be fower foot wide,
the better to come to, on euerie side.
- 8 By willowes that groweth, thy hopyard without,
and also by hedges, thy medowes about:
Good hop hath a pleasure, to clime and to spread,
if sunne may haue passage, to comfort his head.
- Hop tols.** 9 Get crowe made of iron, deepe hole for to make,
with crosse ouerthwart it, as sharpe as a stake:
A hone and a parer, like sole of a boot,
to pare away grasse, and to raise vp the root.
- Grafting.** 10 In March is good grafting, the skillfull doo knowe,
so long as the wind, in the East doo not blowe:
From moone being changed, till past be the prime,
for grafting and cropping, is verie good time.
- 11 Things grafted or planted, the greatest and least,
defend against tempest, the bird and the beast:
Defended shall prosper, the tother is lost,
the thing with the labour, the time and the cost.
- Sowing
of barlie.** 12 Some barlie in March, in Aprill and May,
the later in sand, and the sooner in clay:
What woyle for barlie, than wetnes and cold?
what better to skillfull, than tyme to be bold?
- 13 Who soweth his barlie, too soone or in raine,
of otes and of thistles, shall after complaine:
I speake not of May-weed, cockle and such,
that noiethe the barlie, so often and much.
- 14 Let barlie be harrowed, finelie as dust,
then workmanlie trench it, and sence it ye must:
This season well plied, set sowing an end,
and praise and pray God, a good haruest to send.

Rowling
of barlie.

Harrow-
ing.

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Garde-
ning.

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To know
good land.

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24 Now

- 15 Some rowleth their barlie, straight after a rasie,
when first it appeareth, to leuell it plaine:
The barlie so vled, the better dooth growe,
and handsome ye make it, at haruest to mowe.
- 16 Otes, barlie and pease, harrow after you sowe,
for rie harrowe first, as alreadie ye knowe:
Leaue wheat little clod, for to couer the head,
that after a frost, it may out and go spread.
- 17 If clod in thy wheat, will not breake with the frost,
if now ye doo rowle it, it quiteth the cost:
But see when ye rowle it, the weather be drie,
or else it were better, vnrowled to lie.
- 18 In March and in Aprill, from morning to night,
in sowing and setting, good huswiues delight:
To haue in a garden, or other like plot,
to trim vp their house, and to furnish their pot.
- 19 The nature of flowers, dame Physicke dooth shew,
she teacheth them all, to be knowne to a few:
To set or to sowe, or else sowe to remoue,
how that should be practised, learne if ye loue.
- 20 Land falling or lieng, full south or south west,
for profit by tillage, is lightlie the best:
So garden with orchard, and hopyard I find,
that want the like benefit, growe out of kind.
- 21 If field to beare corne, a good tillage dooth craue,
what thinke ye of garden, what garden would haue?
In field without cost, be assured of weeds,
in garden be sure, thou loolest thy seeds.
- 22 At spring (for the summer) sowe garden ye shall,
at haruest (for winter) or sowe not at all:
Oft digging, remouing, and weeding (ye see)
makes herbe the more holesome, and greater to bee.
- 23 Time faire to sowe, or to gather be bold,
but set or remoue, when the weather is cold:
Cut all thing or gather, the moone in the wane,
but sowe in increasing, or giue it his bane.

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- ¶ 24 Now sets doe aske watering, with pot or with dish,
new sowne doe not so, if ye doe as I wish:
Through cunning with dibble, rake mattoke and spade,
by line and by leauell, trim garden is made.
- 25 Who soweth too lateward, hath seldome good seed,
who soweth too soone, little better shall speed:
Apt time and the season, so diuers to hit,
let aier and laier, helpe practise and wit.
- ¶ 26 Now leekes are in season, for pottage full good,
and spareth the milchcow, and purgeth the blood:
These hauing with peason, for pottage in Lent,
thou sparest both otemell, and bread to be spent.
- ¶ 27 Though neuer so much, a good huswife dooth care,
that such as doe labour, haue husbandlie fare:
Yet feed them and cram them, till purse doe lacke chinke,
no spoone meat no bellie full, labourers thinke.
- 28 Kill crowe, pie and cadow, rooke buzzard and rauen,
or else go desire them, to seeke a new haue:
In scaling the yongest, to plucke off his becke,
beware how ye climber, for breaking your necke.
- ¶ Thus endeth Marches husbandrie.

Destroie
pie, rooks,
& rauens
nests, &c.

¶ Aprils abstract.

Chap. 37.

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| 1 | Some champions laie,
sto fallow in Maie. | 7 | First barke go and sell,
per timber ye sell. |
| 2 | When tilth plows breake,
poze cattell cries creake. | 8 | Fense copie in,
per betwers begin. |
| 3 | One daie per ye plow,
spread compas inow. | 9 | The straightest ye knowe,
for staddles let growe. |
| 4 | Some fodder bieth,
in sen where it lieth. | 10 | Crabtree prelerue,
for plough to serue. |
| 5 | Thou champion twight,
haue colwmeat for night. | 11 | Get timber out,
per yere go about. |
| 6 | Set hop his pole,
make deepe the hole. | 12 | Some cōtrie lacke plowmeat
& some doe lacke colwmeat. |
| | | 13 | Small |

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| <p>13 Small commons and bare,
yelds cattell ill fare.</p> <p>14 Some common with geese,
and shepe without fleese.
Some tits thither bring,
and hops without ring.</p> <p>15 Some champions agré,
as waspe doth with bee.</p> <p>16 Get swineherd for hog,
but kill not with dog.
Where swineherd doth lacke
cozne goeth to wracke.</p> <p>17 All goes to the deuill,
where shepherd is euill.</p> | <p>18 Come home from land,
with stone in hand.</p> <p>19 Han colowprouides,
wife darie guides.</p> <p>20 Slut Cisle vntaught,
hath whiteneat naught.</p> <p>21 Some bringeth in gains,
some losse beside pains.</p> <p>22 Kun Cisse fault knowne,
with more than thine owne.
Such mistres, such han,
such maister, such man.</p> <p>Thus endeth Aprils abstract,
agréing with Aprils husban-
drie.</p> |
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¶ Aprils husbandrie.

Chap. 38.

Sweet April showers,
Doe spring May flowers.

Forgotten month past,
Doe now at the last.

- 1 **I**f Cambridge-shire forward, to Lincoln-shire way
the champion maketh his fallow in May:
Then thinking so doing, one tillage worth twaine:
by forcing of weed, by that meanes to refraine.
- 2 If Aprill be dripping, then doe I not hate,
(for him that hath little) his fallowing late:
Else otherwise fallowing, timelie is best,
for sauing of cattell, of plough and the rest.
- 3 Be sure of plough to be readie at hand,
yer compas ye spred, that on hillocks did stand:
Least dzieng so lieng, doe make it decay,
yer euer much water, doe wash it away.
- 4 Looke now to prouide ye, of medow for hay,
if fens be vndrowned, there cheapest ye may:
In fen for the bullocke, for horse not so well,
count best the bestcheape, where soeuer ye dwell.

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5 **Þ**roude ye of cowmeat, for cattell at night,
and cheeflie where commons, lie far out of sight :
Where cattell lie tied, without anie meat,
that profit by dairie, can neuer be great.

Put
poles to
your hop
hills.

6 **G**et into thy hopyard, with plentie of poles,
among those same hillocks, diuide them by doles:
Three poles to a hillocke (I passe not how long)
shall yeeld thee more profit, set deeplie and strong.

Filling of
tunber.

7 **S**ell barke to the tanner, yer timber ye sell,
cut low by the ground, or else doe ye not well :
In breaking saue crooked, for mill and for ships,
and euer in hewing, saue carpenters chips.

8 **F**irst see it well sensed, yer hewers begin,
then see it well stabled, without and within :
Thus being preserued, and husbandlie donne,
shall sooner raise profit, to thee or thy sonne.

Stadling
of woods.

9 **L**eauē growing for stables, the likest and best,
though seller and buier, dispatched the rest :
In bushes, in hedgerow, in groue and in wood,
this lesson obserued, is needfull and good.

10 **S**auē elme, ash and crabtree, for cart and for plough,
saue step for a stile, of the crotch of the bough :
Saue hazell for forks, saue fallow for rake,
saue huluer and thorne, thereof staile for to make.

Dis-
charge
thy woods

11 **M**ake riddance of carriage, yer yere go about,
for spoiling of plant, that is newlie come out :
To carter (with oren) this message I bring,
leauē not or abroad, for annoieng the spring.

12 **A**llowance of fodder, some countries doe yeeld,
as good for the cattell, as hay in the feeld :
Some mowe vp their hedlonds, and plots among cozne,
and giuen to leauē nothing, vnnowne or vnshorne.

13 **S**ome commons are barren, the nature is such,
and some ouerlaieth, the commons too much :
The pestered commons, small profit dooth geue,
and profit as little, some reape I beleue.

14 **S**ome

14 Some pester the commons, with iades & with geese,
with hog without ring, and with sheepe without fleese:
Some lose a day labour, with seeking their owne,
some meet with a bootie, they would not haue knowne.

15 Great troubles and losses, the champion sees,
and euer in bzalling, as wasps among bees:
As charitie that way, appeareth but small,
so lesse be their winnings, or nothing at all.

16 Where champion wanteth, a swineherd for hog,
there manie complaineth, of naughtie mans dog:
Where ech his owne keeper, appoints without care,
there coyne is destroyed, yer men be aware.

17 The land is well harted, with helpe of the fold,
for one or two crops, if so long it will hold:
If shepherd would keepe them, from strouing of coyne,
the walke of his sheepe, might the better be boyne.

18 Where stones be too manie, annoieng thy land,
make seruant come home, with a stone in his hand:
By dailie so dooing, haue plentie ye shall,
both handsome for pauing, and good for a wall.

19 From Aprill beginning, till Andrew be past,
so long with good huswife, hir dairie dooth last:
Good milchcow and pasture, good husbands prouide,
the resdue good huswiues, knowe best how to guide.

20 All huswife vnskillfull, to make hir owne chees,
through trusting of others, hath this for hir fees:
Hir milke pan and creamepot, so slabberd and lost,
that butter is wanting, and cheese is halfe lost.

21 Where some of a cow, doe raise yereely a pound,
with such feeble huswiues, no pennie is found:
Then dairie maid (Cisley) hir fault being knowne,
alway apace trudge, with more than hir owne.

22 Then neighbour for Gods sake, if anie you see,
good seruant for dairie house, waine hir to me:
Such maister such man, and such mistres such maid,
such husband and huswife, such houses afraid.

* A lesson for darie maid Cisley of ten toppings gefts.

A S wife that will,
good husband please:
Must shun with skill,
such gefts as these.

So Cisse that serues,
must marke this note:
What fault deserues,
a brushed cote.

Ten toppings
gefts brought
sent for.

Gehezie, Lots wife, and Argus his eies,
Tom piper, poore Cobler, and Lazarus thies:
Rough Clau, with Hawdlin, and Gentils that scrall,
With Bishop that burneth, thus know ye them all.

These toppinglie gefts, be in number but ten,
As welcome in daric, as Beares among men:
Which being descried, take heed of ye shall,
For danger of after claps, after that fall.

White
and drie.
Too salt.

1 Gehezie his sicknes, was whitish and drie,
such cheeses good Cisley, ys floted too nie.

Full of
eies.

2 Leane Lot with hir piller (good Cisley) alone,
much saltnes in whitemeat, is ill for the stone.

Houen.

3 If cheeses in dairie haue Argus his eies,
tell Cisley the fault in hir huswiferie lies.

Tough.

4 Tom piper hath houen, and puffed vp cheeks,
if cheese be so houen, make Cisse to seeke creeks.

Full of
spots.

5 Poore Cobler he tuggeth, his leatherlie trash,
if cheese abide tugging, tug Cisley a crash.

Full of
heares.

6 If Lazer so lothsome, in cheese be espied,
let haies amend Cisley, or shift hir aside.

Full of
whhey.

7 Rough Clau was hairie, from top to the fut,
if cheese so appeareth, call Cisley a slut.

Full of
Gentils.

8 As Hawdlin wept, so would Cisley be drest,
for whhey in hir cheeses, not halfe inough prest.

Burnt to
the pan.

9 If Gentils be scralling, call maggot the py,
if cheeses haue Gentils, at Cisse by and by.

10 Blesse Cisley (good mistris) that Bishop dooth ban,
for burning the milke, of hir cheese to the pan.

If thou (so oft beaten)
amendest by this:

I will no more threaten,
I promise thee Cis.

Thus

Thus dairie maid Cisse, rehearsed ye see,
what faults with ill huswife, in dairie house bee:
Of market abhorred, to household a greefe,
to maister and mistresse, as ill as a theefe.

Thus endeth Pylls husbandrie.

¶ Maies abstract.

Chap. 39.

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| 1 P ut lambe from ewe,
to milke a selwe. | 12 W ho wæding slacketh,
good husbandrie lacketh. |
| 2 B e not too bold,
to milke and to fold. | 13 S olve bucke or byrke,
that smells so ranke. |
| 3 F ive ewes allow,
to euerie cotw. | 14 T hy byrke go and solve,
where barlie did growe. |
| 4 S heepe wrygling faile,
hath mads without faile. | 15 T he next crop wheat,
is husbandrie neat. |
| 5 B eat hard in the reed,
where house hath need. | 16 S olve pelsods some,
for harvest to come. |
| 6 L eane cropping from May,
to Michellmas day.
Let Iue be killed,
else treë will be spilled. | 17 S olve hempe and flacks,
that spinning lacks. |
| 7 P low thresheers warne,
to rid the barne. | 18 T each hop to cline,
for now it is time. |
| 8 B e sure of hay,
till the end of May. | 19 T hrough sowles and weeds,
poore hop ill spæds.
Cut off or crop,
superfluous hop. |
| 9 L et thepe fill flanke,
where corne is too ranke.
In woodland leuer,
in champion neuer. | 20 T he titters or tine,
makes hop to pine. |
| 10 T o wæding away,
as sone as ye may. | 21 S ome raketh their wheat,
with rake that is great.
So titters and tine,
be gotten out fine. |
| 11 F or corne here reed,
that naughtie weed. | 22 P low sets do crape,
some wæding to haue. |

F. iii.

21 Plow

- 21 Now draine as ye like,
both fen and dke.
- 22 Watch bees in May,
for swarming away.
Both now and in June,
marke maister bees tune.
- 23 Twisallow thy land,
least plough elle stand.
- 24 No longer tarrie,
out compas to carrie.
- 25 Where need dooth pray it,
there see ye lay it.
- 26 Set Jacke and Jone,
to gather by stone.
- 27 To grasse with thy calues,
take nothing to halues.
- 28 Be sure thy neat,
haue water and meat.
- 29 By tainting of ground,
destruction is found.
- 30 Now carriage get,
home felwell to fet.
Tell fagot and billet,
for filching gillet.

- 31 In summer for string,
let citie be buying.
Marke colliers packing,
least coles be lacking.
(See opened sacke)
for two in a packe.
- 32 Let nodding patch,
go sleepe a snatch.
- 33 Wisse as you will,
now plie your skill.
- 34 Fine bayell sowe,
in a pot to growe.
Fine seeds sowe now,
before ye saw how.

- 35 Keepe or from cotw.
for causes pnoio.

Thus endeth Maies abstract,
agreing with Maies husban-
drie.

¶ Two other short remem-
brances.

S. He-
lens day.

From bull cotw fast,
till Crotwchmas be past.

August.

From heifer bull bid thee,
till Lammas bid thee.

Here ends Maies short remembrances.

¶ Maies husbandrie.

Chap. 40.

Cold May and windie,
Werne filleth by finelie.

Forgotten month past,
Doe now at the last.

Essex and
Suffolke.

AT Philip and Jacob, away with the lams,
that thinkest to haue any milke of their dams:
At Lammas leaue milking, for feare of a thing,
least (Requiem eternam) in winter they sing.

Milking
of ewes.

2 To milke and to fold them, is much to require,
except ye haue pasture, to fill their desire:
yet manie by milking (such heed they doe take)
not hurting their bodie, much profit doe make.

3 Fine

- 3 Ifue ewes to a cow, make pzoofe by a score,
shall double thy dairie, else trust me no more:
Yet may a good huswife, that knoweth the skill,
haue mixt oꝝ vnmixt, at hir pleasure and will.
- 4 If sheepe oꝝ thy lambe fall a wiggling with talle,
go by and by search it, whiles helpe may pzeuaile:
That barbarlie handled, I dare thee assure,
cast dust in his arse, thou hast finisht thy cure.
- 5 Where houses be reeded (as houses haue need)
now pare off the mosse, and go beat in the reed:
The iusser ye driue it, the smother and plaine,
more handsome ye make it, to shut off the raime.
- 6 From May till October, leaue cropping, foꝝ why?
in woodlere, whatsoeuer thou crossest shall die:
Where Iule embraceth the tree verie soze,
kill Iule, else tree will addle no more.
- 7 Keape thrething foꝝ thresher, till May be come in,
to haue to be sure, fresh chaffe in the bin:
And somewhat to scamble, foꝝ hog and foꝝ hen,
and woꝝke when it raineth, foꝝ loitering men.
- 8 Be sure of hay, and of pzoouender some,
foꝝ labouring cattell, till pasture be come:
And if ye doe mind, to haue nothing to sterue,
haue one thing oꝝ other, foꝝ all thing to serue.
- 9 Ground compassed well, and a following yeare,
(if wheat oꝝ thy barlie, too ranke doe appeare:)
Now eat it with sheepe, oꝝ else mowe it ye may,
foꝝ ledging, and so, to the birds foꝝ a pray.
- 10 In May get a weedhooke, a crotch and a gloue,
and weed out such weeds, as the coꝝne dooth not loue:
Foꝝ weeding of winter coꝝne, now it is best,
but Iune is the better foꝝ weeding the rest.
- 11 The May weed dooth burne, and the thistle dooth treat
the fitches pull downward, both rie and the wheat:
The brake and the cockle, be noisome too much,
pet like vnto boddie, no weed there is such.

Leaue off
cropping.
Destroy
Iule.

Count
soꝝe no
soꝝe.

weeding.

In woods

- ¶ 12 Slacke neuer thy weeding, for dearth nor for cheape,
the coyne shall reward it, yet euer ye reape:
And speciallie where ye doe trust for to seed,
let that be well vsed, the better to speed.
- ¶ Showing
of branke. 13 In Mole is good sowing, thy bucke or thy branke,
that blacke is as pepper, and sinelleth so ranke:
It is to thy land, as a comfort or mucke,
and all thing it maketh, as fat as a bucke.
- 14 Sowe bucke after barlie, or after thy wheat,
a pecke to a rood (if the measure be great)
Thre earths see ye giue it, and sowe it aboue,
and harrow it finelie, if bucke ye doe loue.
- 15 Who pescods would gather, to haue with the last,
to serue for his household, till haruest be past:
Must sowe them in May, in a corner ye shall,
where throughe so late growing, no hindrance may fall.
- ¶ Showing
of flax and
hempe. 16 Good flax and good hempe, for to haue of hit owne,
in May a good huswife, will see it be sowne:
And afterward trim it, to serue at a need,
the sinble to spin, and the karle for hit seed.
- 17 Get into thy hoppyard, for now it is time,
to teach Robin hop, on his pole how to cline:
To follow the sunne, as his propertie is,
and weed him and trim him, if aught go amis.
- ¶ All neigh-
bours to
the hop. 18 Grassie, thistle and mustard seed, hemlocke and bur,
tine, mallow and nettle, that keepe such a stir:
With peacocke and turkey, that nibbles off top,
are verie ill neighbours, to seele poore hop.
- 19 From wheat go and rake out, the titters or tine,
if care be not forth, it will rise againe fine:
Use now in thy rie, little raking or none,
breake tine from his root, and so let it alone.
- ¶ Weeding
of quick-
set. 20 Banks newlie quicksetted, some weeding doe craue,
the kindlier nourishment, thereby for to haue:
Then after a shower, to weeding a snatch,
more easilie weed, with the root to dispatch.

- 21 The fen and the quannire, so marish by kind,
and are to be drained, now win to thy mind:
Which yeerlie vndrained, and suffred vncut,
annoiethe the medows, that thereon doe but.
- 22 Take heed to thy bees, that are readie to swarme,
the losse thereof now, is a crownes worth of harme:
Let skilfull be readie, and diligence seene,
least being too carelesse, thou lovest thy beane.
- 23 In May at the furthest, twifallow thy land,
much drount may else after, cause plough for to stand:
This tilth being done, ye haue passed the wurst,
then after who ploweth, plow thou with the surst.
- 24 Twifallow once ended, get tumbrell and man,
and compas that fallow, as soone as ye can:
Let skilfull bestow it, where need is vpon,
more profit the sooner, to follow thereon.
- 25 Hide hedlonds with mucke, if ye will to the knees,
so dypped and shadowed, with bushes and trees:
Bare plots full of galles, if ye plow ouerthwart,
and compas it then, is a husbandle part.
- 26 Let childeyn be hired, to lay to their bones,
from fallow as needeth, to gather vp stones:
What wisdom for profit, aduiseeth vnto,
that husband and hushwife, must willinglie doo.
- 27 To gras with thy calues, in some medow plot neare,
where neither their mothers, may see them nor heare:
Where water is plentie, and barth to sit warme,
and looke well vnto them, for taking of harme.
- 28 Pinch neuer thy wennes, of water or meat,
if euer ye hope, for to haue them good neat:
In Summer tyme dailie, in Winter in frost,
if cattell lacke drinke, they be vtterlie lost.
- 29 For coueting much, ouerlay not thy ground,
and then shall thy cattell be lustie and sound:
But pinch them of pasture, while Summer dooth last,
and list at their tailles, yer a Winter be past.

How
draine
ditches.

Swarm-
ing of
bees.

Twifal-
lowing.

Carie out
compas.

Forth to
grasse
with thy
calues.

Let not
cattell
want
water.

Querlay
not thy
pastures.

- Get home thy fewel. 30 Get home with thy fewel, made readie to set,
the sooner the easier, carriage to get:
Or otherwise linger, the carriage thereon,
till (where as ye left it) a quarter be gon.
- Husbandrie for citizens. 31 His siring in summer, let citizen buie,
least buieng in winter, make purre for to crie:
For carman and collier, harps both on a string,
in winter they cast, to be with thee to bying.
- Sleeping time. 32 From May to mid August, an hower or two,
let patch sleepe a snatch, how soeuer ye doo:
Though sleeping one hower, refresheth his song,
yet trust not Hob growthed, for sleeping too long.
- Stillling of herbes. 33 The knowledge of stilling, is one pretie feat,
the waters be holesome, the charges not great:
That timelie thou gettest, while summer dooth last,
thinke winter will helpe thee, to spend it as fast.
- 34 Fine bazell desireth, it may be hir lot,
to growe as the gilliflower, trim in a pot:
That ladies and gentils, for whom ye doo serue,
may helpe hir as needeth, poore life to preserue.
- 35 Keepe or fro thy corn, that to profit would go,
least cow be deceiued, by or dooing so:
And thou recompensed, for suffering the same,
with want of a calfe, and cow to war lame.

Thus endeth Maies husbandrie.

¶ Iunes abstract.

Chap. 41.

- 1 **W**Alth shæp for to share 5 Plow earlie ye may,
þ shæp may gobare. and then carrie hay.
- 2 Though stæle ye take, 6 It is god to be knowne,
no patches make. to haue all of thine owne.
- 3 Share lambs no whitt, 7 Who goeth a borowing,
or share not pit. goeth a sorowing.
- 4 If medow be growne, 7 See cart in plight,
let medow be motone. and all things right.

8 Make

8 Spake dyle ouer hed,
both houell and shed.

A lesson of hop-
yard.

9 Of houell make stacke,
for pease on his backe.

19 Where hops will growe,
here learne to knowe,
Hops manie will come,
in a rod of rowne.

10 In champion some,
wants elbowe rome.

20 Hops hate the land,
with grauell and sand.

11 Let tyeat and rie,
in house lie dyle.

21 The rotten mold,
for hop is worth gold.

12 Buy turfe and sedge,
or else breake hedge.

22 The sunne southwest,
for hopyard is best.

13 Good storehouse needfull,
well ordred spædfull.

23 Hop plot once found,
now dig the ground.

14 Thy barns repaire,
make flower faire.

24 Hops fauoreth malt,
hops thirst dooth exalt.
Of hops more read,
as time shall need.

15 Such thyrs as noie,
in summer destroe.

16 Swinge byembs & byakes,
get forks and rakes.

Thus endeth Iunes abstract
agreeing with Iunes husban-
drie.

17 Spare hedblonds some,
till haruest come.

18 Cast ditch and pond,
to lay bypon lond.

¶ Iunes husbandrie.

Chap. 42.

Calm weather in Iune,
Corne sets in tune.

Forgotten month past,
Doe now at the last.

1 Wash sheepe (for the better) where water dooth run,
and let him goe cleanlie, and dyle in the sun:
Then share him and spare not, at two daies an end,
the sooner the better, his corpes will amend.

Sheepe
sharing.

2 Reward not thy sheepe (when ye take off his cote)
with twitches and patches, as broad as a grote:
Let not such vngentlenesse, happen to thine,
least sile with his gentils, doe make it to pine.

Beware
of euill
shepe-
sharers.

3 Let

Sheare
lambs in
Iulie.

3 Let lambs go vnclipped, till Iune be halfe woyn,
the better the flæles, will grow to be shoyne :
The Die will discharge thee, for pulling the rest,
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

Mowing
tunc.

4 If medow be forward, be mowing of some,
but mow as the makers, may well ouercome :
Take heed to the weather, the wind and the skie,
if danger approacheth, then cocke apace crie.
5 Plough earlie till ten a clocke, then to thy hay,
in plowing and carting, so profit ye may :
By little and little, thus doing ye win,
that plough shall not hinder, when haruest comes in.

6 Prouide of thine owne, to haue all things at hand,
least worke and the workeman vnoccupied stand :
Loue seldome to borrow, that thinkest to saue,
for he that once lendeth, twise looketh to haue.

Crin
well thy
carts.

7 Let cart be well steeched, without and within,
well clouted and greased, yer hay-time begin:
Thy hay being caried, though carter had swoyne,
carts border well boarded, is sauuing of coyne.

8 Good husbands that lay, to saue all things vpright,
for tumbrels and cart, haue a shed readie dight:
Where vnder the hog, may in winter lie warme,
to stand so inclosed, as wind doo no harme.

A howell
is set vp-
on crot-
ches and
couered
with pols
& strawe.

9 So likewise a howell, will serue for a roome,
to stacke on the pease, when haruest shall come:
And serue thee in winter, moreouer than that,
to shut vp thy porkelings, thou mindest to fat.

10 Some barne come haue little, & yardcome as much,
yet coyne in the field, apperteineth to such :
Then howels or rikes, they are forced to make,
abroad or at home, for necessities sake.

11 Make sure of breadcoyne (of all other graine)
lie drie and well looked to, for mouse and for raine :
Though fitches and pease, and such other as they,
(for pestring too much) on a howell ye ley.

12 With

- 12 With whins or with furzes, thy houell renew,
for turfe and for sedge, for to bake and to brew:
For charcole and seacole, as also for thacke,
for tall-wood and billet, as yeerely ye lacke.
- 13 What husbandlie husbands, except they be fooles,
but handsome haue storehouse, for trinkets and tooles?
And all in good order, fast locked to ly,
what euer is needfull, to find by and by.
- 14 Thy houses and barns would be looked vpon,
and all things amended, yer haruest come on:
Things thus set in order, in quiet and rest,
shall further thy haruest, and pleasure thee best.
- 15 The bushes and thorne, with the shrubs that doe noy,
in woodlere or summer, cut downe to destroy:
But where as decay, to the tree ye will none,
for danger in woodlere, let hacking alone.
- 16 At midsummer downe with the brembles and brakes,
and after abroad, with thy forks and thy rakes:
Set mowers a mowing, where meadow is growne,
the longer now standing, the worse to be mowne.
- 17 Now downe with the grasse, vpon hedlonds about,
that groweth in shadow, so ranke and so stout:
But grasse vpon hedlond, of barlie and pease,
when haruest is ended, go mowe if ye please.
- 18 Such muddie deepe ditches, and pits in the field,
that all a yre summer, no water will yeld:
By fieng and casting, that mud vpon heapes,
commodities manie, the husbandman reapes.

The hus-
bandlie
storehouse.

Mowe
downe
brakes
and me-
dowe.

Mowe
hedlonds
at haruest
or after in
the leue-
tail fields.

A lesson where and when to plant

good hopyard.

- 19 Whom fanlie perswadeth, among other crops,
to haue for his spending, sufficient of hops:
Must willinglie follow, of choises to chuse,
such lessons approued, as skilfull doe vse.

Iulies abstract.

Naught
for hops.

20 Ground grauellie, sandie, and mixed wiche clay,
is naughtie for hops, anie maner of way:
¶ If it be mingled, with rubbish and stone,
for dyinesse and barrennesse, let it alone.

Good for
hops.

21 Choose soile for the hop, of the rottenest mould,
well dinged and wrought, as a garden-plot should:
¶ Not far from the water (but not ouerflowne)
this lesson well noted, is meet to be knowne.

22 The sunne in the south, or else southlie and west,
is ioy to the hop, as a welcomed guest:
But wind in the north, or else northerly east,
to hop is as ill, as a fray in a feast.

How dig
thy new
hop ground

23 Met plot for a hoppyard, once found as is told,
make thereof account, as of iewell of gold:
¶ Now dig it and leaue it, the sunne for to burne,
and afterwarde sence it, to serue for that turne.

The
praise of
hops.

24 The hop for his profit, I thus doe exalt,
it strengtheneth drinke, and it sauezeth malt,
And being well brewed, long kept it will last,
and drawing abide, if ye drawe not too fast.

¶ Iulies abstract.

Chap. 43.

1 G O sirs and alway,
to sed and make hay.
If stozmes drawe nie,
then cocke apace crie.

2 Let hay still bide,
till well it be dryde.
(Hay made) alway carrie,
no longer then farrtie.

3 Who best way titheth,
he best way thrieth.

4 Two god hay-makers,
wozth twentie crakers.

5 Let dallops about,
be mowne and had out.
See hay doo loke greene,
see seeld ye rake cleene.

6 Thy fallow I pray thee,
least thistles betwax thee.

7 Cut off god wise,
ripe beane with a knife.

8 Ripe hempe out cull,
from carle to pull.
Let sed hempe growe,
till moze ye knowe.

- 9 Die flar get in,
for spinners to spin.
Solo molwe oꝝ plucke,
thy branke oꝝ bucke.
- 10 Some woꝝmetwood saue,
for March to haue.

11 Parke Physicke true,
of woꝝmwood and rue.
Get grist to the mill,
for wanting at will.
Thus endeth Iulies abstract,
agreeing with Iulies husbandrie.

¶ Iulies husbandrie.

Chap. 44.

No tempest good Iulie,
Least corne lokes rulle.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

- 1 **G** muster thy seruants, be captaine thy selfe,
prouiding them weapon, and other like pelfe :
Get bottels and wallets, keepe field in the heat,
the feare is as much, as the danger is great.
- 2 With tossing and raking, and setting on cor,
grasse latellie in swathes, is hay for an or :
That done go and cart it, and haue it away,
the battell is fought, ye haue gotten the day.
- 3 Day iustlie thy tithes, whatsoeuer thou bee,
that God may in blessing, send foison to thee :
Though Vicar be bad, oꝝ the Parson euill,
go not for thy tithing, thy selfe to the deuill.
- 4 Let hay be well made, oꝝ auise else augus.
for molding in mow, oꝝ of firing the hous :
Lay courtest aside, for the or and the cow,
the finest for sheepe, and thy gelding allow.
- 5 Then downe with thy hedlonds, that groweth about,
leauē neuer a dallop, vnmowne and had out :
Though grasse be but thin, about barlie and pease,
yet picked vp cleane, ye shall find therein ease.
- 6 Thy fallow betime, for destroing of weed,
least thistle and docke, fall a blooming and seed :
Such season may chance, it shall stand theꝝ vpon,
to till it againe, yer a summer be gon.

Hay har-
nest.

Day thy
tithes.

Thy fal-
lowing.

¶
Gathe-
ring of
garden
beans.

¶
Gather
yellow
hempe.

¶
woyme-
wood get
against
fleas and
infection.

¶
Be sure
of bread
and drink
for har-
uest.

- 7 Not rent off but cut off, ripe beane with a knife,
for hindering stalke, of hir vegetiue life:
So gather the lowest, and leauing the top,
shall teach thee a tricke, for to double thy crop.
- 8 Wife plucke fro thy seed hemp, the fumble hemp cleene,
this looketh more yellow, the other more greene:
Use tone for thy spinning, leaue Michell the tother,
for shoo threed and halter, for rope and such other.
- 9 Now plucke vp thy flax, for thy maidens to spin,
first see it dyed, and timelie got in:
And mowe vp thy byanke, and away with it drie,
and howle it vp close, out of danger to lie.
- 10 While wormwood hath seed, get a handfull or twaine,
to saue against March, to make flea to refraine:
Where chamber is sweeped, and wormwood is strowne,
no flea for his life, dare abide to be knowne.
- 11 What sauor is better (if physicke be true)
for places infected, than wormwood and rue?
It is as a comfort, for hart and the byaine,
and therefore to haue it, it is not in vaine.
- 12 Get grist to the mill, to haue plentie in store,
least miller lacke water, as manie doe more:
The meale the more yeldeth, if seruant be true,
and miller that tolleth, take none but his due.

Thus endeth Iulies husbandrie.

¶ Augusts abstract.

Chap. 45.

- 1 Thy fallowing won, get compassing don. When haruest is gon,
then saffron coms on.
- 2 In June and in Awe, swindge byakes (for a laue.) 4 A little of ground,
brings saffron a pound.
The pleasure is fine,
the profit is thine.
- 3 Ware saffron plot, forget it not. His dwelling made trim,
loke thoztlie for him. • Keepe colour in dyeng,
well used worth buyeng.

5 Paids mustard seed reape,
and laie on a heape.

6 Good neighbours in deed,
change seed for seed.

7 Polv strike vp drum,
come haruest man cum.
Take paine for a gaine,
one knaue mars twaine.

8 Reape corne by the day,
least corne dw decay.
By great is the cheaper,
if trustie were reaper.

9 Blowe horne for sleepers,
and there vp thy reapers.

10 Well doing who loneth,
these haruest points proueth.

11 Pay Gods part first,
and not of the worst.

12 Polv Parson (I say)
tyth carrie away.

13 Keape cart gap weele,
scare hog from whele.

14 Polve hatome to burne,
to serue thy turne.
To bake thy bread,
to burne vnder lead.

15 Polvne hatome being drie,
no longer let lie.
Get home thy hatome,
whilst weather is calome.

16 Polvne barlie lesse cost,
ill motvne much lost.

17 Reape barlie with sickle,
that lies in ill pickle.

Let greenest stand,
for making of band.
Bands made without dew,
will hold but a few.

18 Lay hand to find her,
two rakes to a binder.

19 Rake after tyth,
and pay thy tyth.
Corne carried all,
then rake it ye shall.

20 Let shooke take sweat,
least gofe take heat.
Yet it is best reason,
to take it in season.

21 More often ye turne,
more pease ye out spurne.
yet winnow them in,
per carriage begin.

22 Thy carting plie,
while weather is drie.

23 Bid gouing (clim)
goue inst and trim.
Laie wheat for seed,
to come by at need.
Seed barlie cast,
to thresh out last.

24 Lay pease vpon stacke,
if houell ye lacke.
And couer it straight,
from dones that waight.

25 Let gleaners gleane,
(the more I meane.)
Which euer ye solve,
that first eat lowe.
The other forbare,
for rotten to spare.

- 26 Come home lord singing,
come home corne bzinging.
Tis merie in hall,
when beards wag all.
- 27 Once had thy desire,
pay workman his hire.
Let none be beguiled,
man, woman nor child.
- 28 Thanke God ye shall,
and adue for all.
- Works after haruest.
- 29 Get tumbrell in hand,
for thy barlie land.
- 30 The better the mucke,
the better god lucke.
- 31 Still carriage is god,
for timber and wood.
No longer delaies,
to mend the high waies.
- 32 Some lone as a iewell,
well placing of felwell.
- 33 In piling of logs,
make houell for hogs.
- 34 Wise plow doth crie,
to picking of rie.
- 35 Such seed as ye solve,
such reape or else mowe.
- 36 Take shipping or ride,
lent stufte to prouide.
- 37 Let haberden lie,
in pease-strawe drie.
- 38 When out ye ride,
leau a good guide.
- 39 Some profit spie out,
by riding about.
Parke now thorough yere,
what cheape what deere.
- 40 Some skill doth well,
to buie and to sell.
Of these who bieth,
in danger lieth.
- 41 Commoditie knowne,
abroad is blowne.
- 42 At first hand bie,
at third let lie.
- 43 Haue monie press,
to buie at the best.
- 44 Some cattell home bzing,
for Michelmas spring.
By hawke and hound,
small profit is found.
- 45 Dispatch loke home,
to loitering mome.
Prouide or repent,
milk-cow for Lent.
- 46 Now crone your shepe,
fat those ye keepe.
Leau milking old cow,
fat aged by now.
- 47 Sell butter and cheese,
god faires few lese.
At faires go bie,
home wants to supplie.
- 48 If hops loke browne,
go gather them downe.
But not in the deaw,
for piddling with feaw.

- 49 Of hops this knacke,
a meantie doo lacke.
Once had thy will,
go couer his hill.
- 50 Take hop to thy dole,
but breake not his pole.
- 51 Learne here (thou stranger) to
to frame hop manger.
- 52 Hop poles p̄serue,
againē to serue.
Hop poles by and by,
long safe by to dy.
Least poles way scant,
now poles go plant.
- 53 The hop kell dyde,
will best abide.
Hops dyed in loss,
aske tendance off.
And thed their seeds,
much more than needs.
- 54 Hops dyde small cost,
ill kept halfe lost.
Hops quicklie be spilt,
take hēd if thou wilt.
- 55 Some come some go,
this life is so.
Thus endeth Augusts ab-
stract, agreeing with Au-
gusts husbandrie.

¶ Augusts husbandrie.

Chap. 46.

Dye August and warme,
Dooth harvest no harme.

Forgotten month past,
Doo now at the last.

1 **T**hy fallow once ended, go strike by and by,
both wheat-land and barlie, and so let it ly :
And as ye haue leasure, go compas the same,
when by ye doo lay it, more fruitfull to frame.

Thy fallow-
ing.

2 Get downe with thy brakes, yet an' showers doo come,
that cattell the better, may pasture haue some :
In Iune and in August, as well dooth appeere,
is best to mowe brakes, of all times in the yeere.

Mowing
of brakes.

3 Dure saffron betwene the two S. Maries daies,
or let or go shift it, that knowest the waies :
What yeere shall I doo it (more profit to yeld ?)
the fourth in the garden, the third in the feild.

Daring
of saffron.

4 In hauing but fortie foot, woorkmanlie dight,
take saffron ynough, for a lord and a knight :
All winter time alter, as practise dooth teach,
what plot haue ye better, for linnen to bleach.

¶
Huswife-
rie.

G. ij.

5 Maids

- ¶ 5 Hads mustard seed gather, for being too ripe,
and weather it well, yer ye giue it a stripe:
Then dresse it, and lay it in sollar by sweet,
least toistinesse make it for table vnnmeet.
- ¶ 6 Good huswiues in summer, will saue their owne seeds,
against the next yere, as occasion needs:
One seed for another, to make an exchange,
with fellowlie neighbourhood, seemeth not strange.
- Corne
haruest. 7 Make sure of reapers, get haruest in hand,
the corne that is ripe, dooth but shed as it stand:
Be thankfull to God, for his benefits sent,
and willing to saue it, with earnest intent.
- Champs
by great,
the other
by day. 8 To let out thy haruest, by great or by day,
let this by experience, lead thee the way:
By great will deceiue thee, with lingring it out,
by day will dispatch, and put all out of dout.
- 9 Grant haruest lord more, by a penie or two,
to call on his fellowes, the better to do:
Giue gloues to thy reapers, a larges to crie,
and dailie to loiterers, haue a good eie.
- God
haruest
points. 10 Reape well, scatter not, gather cleane that is shorne,
bind fast, shooke apace, haue an eie to thy corne:
Lode safe, carrie home, follow time being faire,
goue iust in the barne, it is out of despaire.
- 11 Tyth dulie and trulie, with hartie good will,
that God and his blessing, may dwell with thee still:
Though parson neglecteth, his dutie for this,
thanke thou thy Lord God, and giue erie man his.
- ¶ 12 Corne tythed (sir parson) to gather go get,
and cause it on shocks, to be by and by set:
Not leauing it scattering, abroad on the ground:
nor long in the field, but away with it round.
- ¶ 13 To cart gap and barne, set a guide to looke weeel,
and hoy out (sir carter) the hog fro thy wheele:
Least greedie of feeding, in following cart,
it noieth or perisheth, spight of thy hart.
- Reape hog
from cart
wheele.

14 In champion countrie, a pleasure they take,
to mowe by their hawme, for to bryw and to bake:
And also it stands them, in stead of their thacke,
whiche being well inned, they cannot well lacke.

15 The hawme is the strawe, of the wheat or the rie,
whiche once being reaped, they mowe by and by:
For feare of destroying, with cattell or raine,
the sooner ye lode it, more profit ye gaine.

16 The mowing of barlie, if barlie doe stand,
is cheapest and best, for to rid out of hand:
Some mowe it, and rake it, and sets it on cocks,
some mowe it and binds it, and sets it on shocks.

Mowing
of barlie.

17 Of barlie the longest, and greenest ye find,
leau standing by dallops, till time ye doe bind:
Then earlie in morning (while deaw is thereon)
to making of bands, till the deaw be all gon.

Binding
of barlie.

18 One spreadeth those bands, so in order to ly,
as barlie (in swathes) may fill it thereby:
Which gathered vp, with the rake and the hand,
the follower after them, bindeth in band.

Spreading
of
barlie
bands.

19 Where barlie is raked (if dealing be true)
the tenth of such raking, to parson is due:
Where scattering of barlie, is seene to be much,
there custome nor conscience, tything should gruch.

Tything
of
rakings.

20 Corne being had downe (anie way ye allow)
should wither as needeth, for burning in mow:
Such skill apperteineth, to haruest-mans art,
and taken in time, is a husbandlie part.

21 No turning of peason, till carriage ye make,
nor turne in no more, than ye mind for to take:
Least beaten with showers, so turned to drie,
by turning and tossing, they shed as they lie.

Usage of
peason.

22 If weather be faire, and tide thy graine,
make speedilie carriage, for feare of a raine:
For tempest and showers, deceiueth a menie,
and lingering lubbers, lose manie a penie.

Lingring
lubbers.

Best man-
ner of go-
uing cozne
in the
barne.

Pease-
stacke.

Leane
gleaning
for the
poore.

Day tru-
lie haruest
folke.

Thanke
God for
all.

Carriage
of scwell.

23 In gouing at haruest, learne skillfullie how,
each graine for to lay, by it selfe on a mow:
Seed barlie the purest, goue out of the way,
all other nigh hand, goue as iust as ye may.

24 Stacke pease vpon houell, abroad in the yard,
to couer it quicklie, let oner regard:
Least doue and the cadow, there finding a sinacke,
with ill stormie weather, doe perish thy stacke.

25 Cozne carried, let such as be poore go and gleane,
and after thy cattell, to mouth it vp cleane:
Then spare it for rowen, till Michell be past,
to lengthen thy dairie, no better thou hast.

26 In haruest time haruest-folke, seruants and all,
should make all together, good cheere in the hall:
And fill out thy blacke-boll, of bleith to their song,
and let them be merrie, all haruest time long.

27 Once ended thy haruest, let none be begild,
please such as did helpe thee, man, woman and child:
Thus doing, with alway such helpe as they can,
thou winnest the praise, of the labouring man.

28 Now looke vp to Godward, let tong neuer cease,
in thanking of him, for his mightie increase:
Accept my good will, for a prowe go and trie,
the better thou thriuest, the gladder am I.

Workes after haruest.

29 Now carrie out compass, when haruest is done,
where barlie thou sowest, my champion sonne:
Dy lay it on heape, in the field as ye may,
till carriage be faire, to haue it away.

30 Whose compass is rotten, and carried in time,
and spred as it should be, thyfts ladder may cline:
Whose compass is paltrie, and carried too late,
such husoandrie vseth, that manie doe hate.

31 Per winter preuenteth, while weather is good,
for galling of pasture, get home with thy wood:

And

And carrie out grauell, to fill vp a hole,
both timber and furzin, the turfe and the cole.

32 Howse charcole and sedge, chip and cole of the land,
pile tall wood and billet, stacke all that hath hand :
Blocks, roots, pole and bough, set vpright to the thetch,
the neerer moze handsome, in winter to fetch.

well plac-
ing of
sewell.

33 In stacking of bauen, and piling of logs,
make vnder thy bauen, a honell for hogs :
And warme it inclose it, all sauing the mouth,
and that to stand open, and full to the south.

Honell
for hogs.

34 Once haruest dispatched, get wenchers and boies,
and into thy barne, afore all other toies :

Chossed seed to be picked, and trimlie well side,
for seed may no longer, from threshing abide.

35 Get seed afore hand, in a readines had,
or better prouide, if thine owne be too bad :

Be carefull of seed, or else such as ye sowe,
be sure at haruest, to reape or to mowe.

36 When haruest is ended, take shipping or ride,
ling, saltfish and herring, for Lent to prouide :

Proouision
for Lent.

To buie it at first, as it commeth to rode,
shall pay for thy charges, thou spendest abode.

37 Choole skillfullie saltfish, not burnt at the stone,
buie such as be good, or else let it alone :

Get home that is bought, and go stacke it vp drie,
with pease-strawe betwene it, the safer to lie.

38 Per euer ye loynie, cause seruant with speed,
to compas thy barlie land, where it is need :

Compas-
ing of bar-
lie land.

One aker well compassed, passeth some thre,
thy barne shall at haruest, declare it to the.

39 This lesson is learned, by riding about,
the piles of vittels, the yeere thoroughout :

Both what to be selling, and what to refraine,
and what to be buieng, to bring in a gaine.

40 Though buieng and selling, dooth wonderfull well,
to such as haue skill, how to buie and to sell :

Yet chopping and changing, I cannot commend,
with these and his marrow, for feare of ill end.

41 The rich in his bargaining, needs not be sought,
of buier and seller, full far is he sought:

Yet herein consisteth, a part of my text,
who buieth at first hand, and who at the next.

Buieng
at first
hand.

42 At first hand he buieth, that paieeth all downe,
at second, that hath not so much in the towne:

At third hand he buieth, that buieth of trust,
at his hand who buieth, shall pay for his lust.

Readie
monie bi-
eth best
cheape.

43 As oft as ye bargain, for better or worse,
to buie it the cheaper, haue chinks in thy purse:

Touch kept is commended, yet credit to keepe,
is pay and dispatch him, yer euer ye sleepe.

44 Be mindfull abroad, of a Michelmaz spring,
for thereon dependeth a husbandlie thing:

Hauking.

Though some haue a pleasure, with hawke vpon hand,
good husbands get treasure, to purchase their land.

45 Thy market dispatched, turne home againe round,
least gaping for penie, thou losest a pound:

winter
milch cow

Provide for thy wife, or else looke to be shent,
good milchcow for winter, another for Lent.

Old cwees

46 In traueilling homeward, buie fortie good crones,
and fat vp the bodie, of those seelie bones:

Leaue milking, and drie vp old nullie thy cow,
the crooked and aged, to fatting put now.

Buieng
or selling
of butter
and cheese

47 At Bartilmewtide, or at Sturbridge faire,
buie that as is needfull, thy house to repaire:

Then sell to thy profit, both butter and cheese,
who buieth it sooner, the more he shall leese.

Hops ga-
thering.

48 If hops doe looke brownish, then are ye too slowe,
if longer ye suffer, those hops for to growe:

Now sooner ye gather, more profit is found,
if weather be faire, and deaw off a ground.

49 Not breake off but cut off, from hop the hop string,
leaue growing a little, againe for to spring:

Whose

Augusts husbandrie.

Whose hill about pared, and therewith new clad,
shall nourish more sets, against March to be had.

50 Hop hillocke discharged, of euerie let,
see then without breaking, ech pole ye out get :

Which being vntangled, aboue in the tops,
go carrie to such, as are plucking of hops.

51 Take soutage oz haire (that couers the kell)
set like to a manger, and fastened well:

With poles vpon crotches, as hie as thy hrest,
for sauing and riddance, is husbandrie best.

52 Hops had, the hop poles that are likeliest preserue,
(from breaking and rotting) againe for to serue:

And plant ye with alders, oz willowes a plot,
where yeele as needeth, no poles may be got.

53 Some skilfullie drie them, their hops on a kell,
and some on a soiler, oft turning them well:

Kell dried will abide, foule weather oz faire,
where drying and lying, in lost doe despaire.

54 Some close them vp drie, in a hogshed oz fat,
yet canuas oz soutage, is better than that :

By drying and lying, they quicklie be spilt,
thus much haue I shewed, doe now as thou wilt.

55 Old farmer is forced, long August to make,
his goods at more leasure, away for to take:

New farmer he thinketh, ech houre a day,
vntill the old farmer, be packing away.

Thus endeth and holdeth out Augusts husbandrie
till Michelmass Eue.

Tho. Tusser.

* Corne haruest equallie diuided
into ten parts. Chap. 47.

1 One part cast forth, for rent due out of hand.

2 One other part, for seed to sow thy land.

3 Another part, leaue parson for his tyth.

4 Another part, for haruest sickle and tyth.

5 One

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Increas-
ing of
hops.

The or-
der of
hops ga-
thering.

Hop
manger.

Save hop
poles.

Drying of
hops.

Keeping
of hops.

For na-
perie, sope
and can-
dic, salt, &
sawce, tin-
ker & coo-
per, brasse
and pew-
ter.

- 5 One part for ploughwright, cartwright, knacker & smith,
- 6 One part to uphold thy teemes that draue therewith,
- 7 One part for seruant and wo:kemans wages lay.
- 8 One part likewise for fill-bellie day by day.
- 9 One part thy wife for needfull things doth craue.
- 10 Thy selfe and child the last one part would haue.

W Ho minds to quote,
vpon this note,
may easilie find ynough:
What charge and paine,
to little gaine,
dooth follow toiling plough.

Yet farmer may,
thanke God and say,
for yeerly such good hap:
Well fare the plough,
that sends ynough,
to stop so great a gap.

¶ A brieft conclusion, where you may see,
Ech word in the verse, to begin with a T.

Chap. 48.

Trine for
contriue.

Ther for
thrine.

T He thrifflie that teacheth, the thrining to thine,
Teach timelie to trauesse, the thing that thou true.
Transferring thy tolling, to timelinele tought,
This teacheth thee temperance, to temper thy thought.
Take trustie (to trust to) that thinkest to thee,
That trustilie thrifflines, trowleth to thee,
Then temper thy trauell, to tarrie the tide,
This teacheth thee thrifflines, twentie times tride.
Take thankfull thy talent, thanke thankfullie those,
That thrifflie teacheth, thy time to transpose,
Troth twise to thee teached, teach twentie times ten,
This trade thou that takest, take thist to thee then.

¶ Mans age diuided here ye haue,
By prentiships from birth to graue.

Chap. 49.

- 7 } The first seven yeeres, bring vp as a child,
- 14 } The next to learning, for waring too wild.
- 21 } The next keepe vnder, sir hobbarde de hoy,
- 28 } The next a man, no longer a boy,

- 35 { The next, let lustie lay wisselle to wine,
 42 { The next, lay now or else neuer to thriue,
 49 { The next, make sure for terme of thy life,
 56 { The next, saue somewhat for children and wife,
 63 { The next, be staide, giue ouer thy lust,
 70 { The next, thinke hourlie whither thou must,
 77 { The next, get chaire and crotches to stay,
 84 { The next, to heauen God send vs the way.

Who looeth their youth, shall rue it in age,
 Who hateth the truth, in sorowe shall rage.

¶ Another diuision of the nature
 of mans age.

Chap. 50.

The Ape, the Lion, the Fox, the Ass,
 Thus sets forth man, as in a glasse.

Ape, } Like Apes we be tolong, till twentie and one,
Lion, } Then hastie as Lions, till fortie be gone:
Fox, } Then wylie as Foxes, till threescore and thre,
Ass. } Then after for Asses, accounted we bee.

Who plaies with his better, this lesson must knowe,
 that humblenes, for to the Lion doth owe:
 For, Ape with his tolong, and rudenes of Ass,
 brings (out of good houre) displeasure to passe.

Comparing good husband, with vnthrift his brother,
 The better discerneth, the tone from the tother.

Chap. 51.

Good husbandrie braggeth, 3 Ill husbandrie spendeth,
 to go with the best: abrode like a mome:
 Good husbandrie baggeth, Good husbandrie tendeth,
 vp gold in his chest. his charges at home.
 2 Ill husbandrie trudgeth, 4 Ill husbandrie selleth,
 with vnthrifts about: his corne on the ground:
 Good husbandrie smudgeth, Good husbandrie smelleth,
 for feare of a doubt. no gaine that way found.

5 Ill

A comparifon betweene

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| 5 | All husbandrie loſeth,
for lacke of good ſenſe :
Good husbandrie cloſeth,
and gaineth the penſe. | 11 | All husbandrie taketh,
and ſpendeth vp all:
Good husbandrie maketh,
good ſhift with a ſmall. |
| 6 | All husbandrie truſteth,
to him and to hur :
Good husbandrie luſteth,
himſelfe for to ſtur. | 12 | All husbandrie praieth,
his wiſe to make ſhift:
Good husbandrie ſaieth,
take this of my gift. |
| 7 | All husbandrie eateth,
himſelfe out of doore :
Good husbandrie meateth,
himſelfe and the poore. | 13 | All husbandrie drowſeth,
at fortune ſo auke :
Good husbandrie rowſeth,
himſelfe as a hauke. |
| 8 | All husbandrie daieth,
or letteth it lie :
Good husbandrie paieth,
the cheaper to bie. | 14 | All husbandrie lieth,
in priſon for det :
Good husbandrie ſpleth,
where profit to get. |
| 9 | All husbandrie lurketh,
and ſealeth a ſleepe :
Good husbandrie workeſh,
his houſhold to keepe. | 15 | All husbandrie waies,
hath to fraud what he can:
Good husbandrie praies,
hath of euerie man. |
| 10 | All husbandrie ſueth,
by that and by this :
Good husbandrie giueth,
to erie man his. | 16 | All husbandrie neuer,
hath welth to keepe touch:
Good husbandrie euer,
hath penie in pouch. |

Good husband his bone,
Or requeſt hath a far :
All husband allone,
Hath a tode wiſth an A.

¶ A comparifon betweene Champion countrie
and ſeueral. Chap. 52.

THe countrie incloſed I praife,
the tother delighteth not me,
For nothing the wealth it dooth raiſe,
to ſuch as inferior be.
How both of them partlie I knowe:
here ſomewhat I mind for to ſhowe.

2 There

2 There swineherd that keepeth the hog,
there neatherd with cur and his horne,
There shepherd with whistle and dog,
he fense to the medowe and corne.
There hoxse being tide on a balke:
is readie with theese for to walke.

3 Where all thing in common doth rest,
corne field with the pasture and mead,
Though common ye doo for the best,
yet what dooth it stand ye in stead?
There common as commoners vse:
for otherwise shalt thou not chuse.

4 What laier much better than there,
or cheaper (thereon to doo well?)
What drudgerie more anie where,
lesse good thereof where can you tell?
What gotten by summer is seene:
in winter is eaten vp cleene.

5 Example by Leicester shire,
what soile can be better than that?
For any thing hart can desire,
and yet dooth it want ye see what.
Hast, couert, close, pasture and wood:
and other things needfull as good.

6 All these doo enclosure bring,
experience teacheth no lesse,
I speake not to boast of the thing,
but onelie a troth to expresse.
Example (if doubt ye doo make:)
by Suffolke and Essex go take.

7 More plentie of mutton and beeſe,
corne, butter and cheeſe of the best,
More wealth any where (to be brieſe)
more people more handsome and preſt.
Where find ye? (go search any coast:)
than there where enclosure is moſt.

Enclo-
sure.

Seuerall

8 More

A comparison betweene

8 More worke for the labouring man,
as well in the towne as the feld,
Or thereof (deuise if ye can)
more profit what countries doe yeeld?
More seldome where see ye the poore,
go begging from doore vnto doore.

Champi-
on coun-
tric.

9 In Norffolke behold the despaire,
of tillage too much to be borne,
By drouers from faire vnto faire,
and others destroieng the corne.
By custome and couetous pates:
by gaps and opening of gates.

10 What speake I of commoners by,
with drauing all after a line,
So noieng the corne as it ly,
with cattell with comies and swine?
When thou hast bestowed thy cost:
looke halfe of the same to be lost.

11 The flocks of the lords of the soile,
doe yeerly the winter corne wrong,
The same in a maner they spoile,
with feeding so lowe and so long.
And therefore that champion feld:
doth seldome good winter corne yeeld.

Cham-
pion an-
noiances.

12 By Cambridge a towne I doe knowe,
where manie good husbands doe dwell,
Whose losses by lossels doth shoue,
more here than is needfull to tell.
Determine at court what they shall:
performed is nothing at all.

13 The champion robbeth by night,
and proleth and filcheth by day,
Himselfe and his beast out of sight,
both spoileth and maketh away.
Not onelie thy grasse but thy corne:
both after and yer it be shorne.

- 14 Pease-bolt with thy pease he will haue,
his household to feed and his hog,
Now stealeth he now will he craue,
and now will he coolen and cog.
In Bydewell a number he script:
lesse worthe than these to be whipt.
- 15 The or-boy as ill is as hee,
or worser if worse may be found,
For spoiling from thine and from thee,
of grasse and of corne on the ground.
Lay neuer so well for to saue it:
by night or by day he will haue it.
- 16 What orchard vnrobbed escapes?
or pullet dare walke in their iet?
But homeward or outward (like apes)
they count it their owne they can get.
Lord! if ye doe take them, what sturs?
how hold they together like burs?
- 17 For commons these commoners crie,
inclosing they may not abide,
Yet some be not able to bie,
a cow with hir calfe by hir side.
Nor lay not to liue by their worke:
but theeuishlie loiter and lurke.
- 18 The lord of the towne is to blame,
for these and for manie faults mo,
For that he dooth knowe of the same,
yet lets it unpunished go.
Such lordes ill example doe giue:
where varlets and drabs so may liue.
- 19 What foot-paths are made and how brode,
annoiance too much to be borne,
With horse and with cattell what rode,
is made thorough erie mans corne?
Where champions ruleth the roost:
there daily disorder is most.

A comparison betweene, &c.

20 Their sheepe when they driue for to wash,
how careles such sheepe they doe guide?
The farmer they leaue in the lath,
with losses on euerie side.

Though any mans coyne they doe bite:
they will not allow him a mite.

21 What hunting and hauking is there?
coyne looking for sickle at hand,
Acts lawles to doe without feare,
how yeerlie togither they band.
More harine to another to doe:
than they would be done so vnto.

22 More profit is quieter found,
(where pastures in seuerall bee)
Of one seelie aker of ground,
than champion maketh of thre.
Againe what a loy is it knowne:
when men may be bold of their owne?

Cham-
pion.

23 The tone is commended for graine,
yet bread made of beanes they doe eat,
The tother for one lose hath twaine,
of masslin, of rie, or of wheat.

Seuerall.

The champion liueth full bare:
when woodland full merie dooth fare.

Cham-
pion.

24 Tone giueth his coyne in a darch,
to horse, sheepe and hog euerie day,
The tother giue cattell warme barth,
and feed them with straw and with hay.
Coyne spent of the tone so in vaine:
the tother dooth sell to his gaine.

Seuerall.

Cham-
pion.

25 Tone barefoot and ragged dooth go,
and readie in winter to serue,
When tother ye see doe not so,
but hath that is needfull to serue.
Tone paine in a cottage dooth take:
when tother trim bowers doe make.

Seuerall.

Of an enuious neighbour.

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Cone laieth for turse and for sedge,
and hath it with wonderfull suit,
When tother in euerie hedge,
hath plentie of fewell and fruit.
Culls twentie times woosler than thease:
enclosure quicklie would ease.

Cham-
pion.

General.

27 In woodland the poore men that haue,
scarfe fullie two akers of land,
More merilie liue, and doo saue,
than tother with twentie in hand.
Yet pay they as much for the twoo:
as tother for twentie must doo.

General.

28 The labourer comming from thence,
in woodland to wooske any where,
(I warrant you) goeth not hence,
to wooske anie more againe there.
If this same be true (as it is :)
why gather they nothing of this ?

29 The poore at enclosure dooth grutch,
because of abuses that fall,
Least some man should haue but too mutch,
and some againe nothing at all.

If order might therein be found :
what were to the seuerall ground?

¶ The description of an enuious and naughtie neighbour.

Chap. 53.

A Enuious neighbour is easie to find,
His cumbersome fetches, are seldome behind.
His hatred procureth, from naughtie to worse,
His friendship like Judas, that caried the purse.
His head is a storehouse, with quarels full fraught,
His braine is vnquiet, till all come to naught.
His memorie pregnant, old ills to recite,
His mind euer fixed, ech ill to requite.

H. J.

His

Of a slanderous toong.

His mouth full of venem, his lips out of frame,
 His toong a false witnes, his friend to defame.
 His cies be promooters, some trespass to spie,
 His eares be as spials, alarum to crie.
 His hands be as tyrants, reuenging ech thing,
 His feet at thine elbow, as serpent to sting.
 His brest full of rancor, like canker to treat,
 His hart like a lion, his neighbour to eat.
 His gate like a shæpebiter, flæring aside,
 His looke like a corcombe, vp puffed with pride.
 His face made of brasse, like a vice in a game,
 His gestur like Dauius, whom Terence dooth name.
 His brag as Thersites, with elbowes abrode,
 His cheekes in his surie, shall swell like a tode.
 His colour like ashes, his cap in his eles,
 His nose in the aire, his snout in the skies.
 His promise to trust to, as slipperie as ice,
 His credit much like to the chance of the dice.
 His knowledge or skill, is in prating too much,
 His companie shunned, and so be all such.
 His friendship is counterfet, seldome to trust,
 His doings vnluckie, and euer vnust.
 His fetch is to flatter, to get what he can,
 His purpose once gotten, a pin for thee than.

¶ A sonet against a slanderous toong.

Chap. 34.

D^Oth darnell good, among the flowrie wheat?
 D^Oth thistles good, so thicke in fallow spide?
 D^Oth taint-wormes good, that lurke where or should eat?
 D^Oth sucking diones, in hiue where bees abide?
 D^Oth hornets good, or these same biting gnats?
 Foule swelling todes, what good by them is seene?
 In house well deckt, what good doo gnawing rats?
 D^Oth casting mowles, among the meadowes greene?
 D^Oth heauie netes, make glad the hart of man?
 D^Oth noisome sinels, what good dooth that to health?

Poto

Of wiuing and thriuing.

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Now once for all, what good (thow who so can)
Doe stingie snakes, to this our common-wealth?
No more dooth good, a peeuishe slanderous toong,
But hurts it selfe, and noies both old and yooing.

A sonet vpon the Authors first seuen
yeeres seruice. Chap. 55.

Seuen times hath Janus, tane new yere by hand,
Seuen times hath blustering March, blowne forth his powre:
To drie out Aprils buds, by sea and land,
For minion Maie, to decke most trim with flowre.
Seuen times hath temperate Mer, like pageant plaid,
And pleasant Aestas eke, hir flowers told:
Seuen times Autumnus heat, hath bene delaid,
With Hiems boisterous blasts, and bitter cold.
Seuen times the thirteene Moones haue changed hew,
Seuen times the Sunne, his course hath gone about:
Seuen times ech bird, hir nest hath built anew,
Since first time you to serue, I choised out.

Still yours am I, though thus the time hath past:
And trust to be, as long as life shall last.

Man minded for to thriue,
must wiselie lay to wiue:
What hap may thereby fall,
here argued find ye shall.

¶ *The Authors dialog betweene two*
Batchlers of wiuing and thriuing by Affirma-
tion and Obiection. Chap. 56.
Affirmation.

FRIEND, where we met this other day,
We heard one make his mone and lay,
Good Lord how might I thriue?
We heard an other answer him,
Then make thee handsome, tricke and trim,
And lay in time to wiue.
H. ij.

Obiection.

Of wiuing and thriuing.

Obiection.

And what of that say you to me?
 Do you your selfe thinke that to be,
 the best way for to thriue?
 If truth were trulie bootled out,
 As touching thrist I stand in dout,
 If men were best to wiue.

Affirmation.

There is no doubt, for proue I can,
 I haue but seldome seene that man,
 Which could the way to thriue:
 Untill it was his happie lot,
 To stay himselfe in some good plot,
 and wiselie then to wiue.

Obiection.

And I am of an other mind,
 For by no reason can I find,
 How that way I should thriue:
 For whereas now I spend a penie,
 I should not then be quit with menie,
 Through bondage for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Not so, for now where thou dost spend,
 Of this and that to no good end,
 Which hindreth thee to thriue:
 Such vaine expences thou shouldst saue,
 And daile then lay more to haue,
 as others do that wiue.

Obiection.

Why then do folke this prouerbe put,
 The blacke or nere trod on thy fut,
 If that way were to thriue:
 Hereout a man may sone picke forth,
 Few feeleth what a penie is worth,
 Till such time as they wiue.

Affirmation.

It may so chance as thou dost say,
 This lesson therefore beare away,

If thereby thou wilt thriue:
 Looke yet thou leape, see yet thou go,
 It may be for thy profit so,
 For thee to lay to wiue.

Obiection.

It is too much we daillie heare,
 To wiue and thriue both in a yeare,
 As touching now to thriue:
 I know not herein what to spie,
 But that there dooth small profit lie,
 to fantsie for to wiue.

Affirmation.

In deed the first yeare oft is such,
 That fondly some bestoweth much,
 A let to them to thriue:
 Yet other mo may soone be found,
 Which getteth manie a faire pound,
 The same day that they wiue.

Obiection.

I grant some getteth more that day,
 Than they can easilie beare away,
 How needs then must they thriue?
 What gaineth such thinke you by that?
 A little burden you wot what,
 Through fondnesse for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Thou seemest blind as mo haue bin,
 It is not beautie bringeth in,
 The thing to make thee thriue:
 In womankind see that ye doo,
 Require of hir no gift but twoo,
 when as ye mind to wiue.

Obiection.

But two say you? I pray you than,
 Shew those as breestly as you can,
 If that may helpe to thriue:
 I weene we must conclude anon,
 Of those same twaine to want the ton,
 When as ye chance to wiue.

H. iij.

Affir-

Affirmation.

Honestie
and hus-
wiferie.

An honest huswife trust to mee,
 Be those same twaine I say to thee,
 That helpe so much to thrive:
 As honestie farre passeth gold,
 So huswiferie in yong and old,
 Doo pleasure such as wiue.

Obiection.

The honestie in deed I grant,
 Is one good point the wife should haunt,
 To make hir husband thrive:
 But now faine would I haue you shew,
 How should a man good huswife know,
 If once he hap to wiue?

Affirmation.

A huswife good betimes will rise,
 And order things in comelie wise,
 Hir mind is set to thrive:
 Upon hir distaffe she will spin,
 And with hir needle she will win,
 If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

It is not idle going about,
 Nor all day pricking on a clout,
 Can make a man to thrive:
 O if there be no other winning,
 But that the wife gets by hir spinning,
 Small thrist it is to wiue.

Affirmation.

Some more than this yet doo she shall,
 Although the stocke be verie small,
 Yet will she helpe thee thrive:
 Lay thou to saue as well as she,
 And then thou shalt enriched be,
 When such thou hapst to wiue.

Obiection.

If she were mine I tell thee troth,
 Too much to trouble hir I were loth,

Of wiuing and thriuing.

Foꝛ graedinesse to thriue :
Least some should talke as is the speech,
The good wiues husband wears no breech,
If such I hap to wiue.

Affirmation.

What hurts it thee what some doe say,
If honestie she take the way,
To helpe thee foꝛ to thriue?
Foꝛ honestie will make hir prest,
To doe the thing that shall be best,
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

Why did Diogenes say than,
To one that askt of him tyme whan,
Were best to wiue to thriue?
Not yet (quoth he) if thou be yong,
If thou war old then hold thy tong,
It is too late to wiue.

Affirmation.

Belike he knew some shrewish wife,
Which with hir husband made such strife,
that hindered him to thriue:
Who then may blame him foꝛ that clause,
Though then he spake as some had cause,
As touching foꝛ to wiue?

Obiection.

Why then I see to take a shrew,
(As seldome other there be few)
Is not the way to thriue:
So hard a thing I spie it is,
The good to chule, the shrew to mis,
That feareth me to wiue.

Affirmation.

She may in something seeme a shrew,
Yet such a huswife as but few,
To helpe thee foꝛ to thriue:
This prouerbe looke in mind ye keepe,
As good a shrew is as a sheepe,
foꝛ you to take to wiue.

H. iiii.

Obiection.

Of wiuing and thriuing.

Obiection.

Now be the lambe or be the eate,
 Giue me the sheepe, take thou the sheate,
 See which of vs shall thriue:
 If the be shrewish thinke for troth,
 For all hir thrift I would be loth,
 To match with such to wiue.

Affirmation.

Tush, farewell then, I leaue you off,
 Such foolles as you that loue to scoff,
 Shall seldome wiue to thriue:
 Contrarie hir as you doo me,
 And then ye shall I warrant ye,
 Repent ye if ye wiue.

Obiection.

Friend let vs both giue iustlie place,
 To wedded man to iudge this cace,
 Which best way is to thriue:
 For both our talke as seemeth plaine,
 Is but as hapneth in our braine,
 To will or not to wiue.

¶ Wedded mans iudgement,
 Vpon the former argument.

Moderator.

AS cocke that wants his mate, goes rousing all about,
 With crowing earlie and late, to find his louer out,
 And as poze sillie hen, long wanting cocke to guide,
 Sone drops and shortlie then, begins to peake aside:
 Euen so it is with man and wife, where gouernment is found,
 The want of tone the others life, doth shortlie sone confound.

In iest and in earnest, here argued ye find,
 That husband and huswife together must dwell,
 And thereto the iudgement of wedded mans mind,
 That husbandrie otherwise speedeth not well:
 So somewhat moze now I intend for to tell,
 Of huswiferie like as of husbandrie told,
 How huswifelie huswife helps bying in the gold.

Thus endeth the booke of

Husbandrie.



The points of Huswiferie, vnited to
the comfort of Husbandrie, newly cor-
 rected and amplified with diuers good
lessons for housholders to recreate the
 Reader, as by the Table at the end
hereof more plainlie may
 appeare:

Set forth by Thomas Tusser Gentleman.



To the right Honourable and my especiall
good Ladie and Mistresse, the
 Ladie Paget.

Though danger be mickle,
 And fauour so fickle,
 Yet dutie doth tickle,
 My fanſie to wright:
 Concerning how prettie,
 How fine and how nettie,
 Good huswife ſhould iettie,
 from morning to night.

2 Not minding by wrighting,
 To kindle a ſpiting,
 But ſhew by inditing,
 as afterward told:
 How husbandrie eaſeth,
 To huswiferie pleaſeth,
 And manie purſe greaſeth,
 with ſiluer and gold.

3 For husbandrie waxeth,
 Where huswiferie ſleepeth,
 And hardlie he creepeth,
 vp ladder to thiſt:
 That wanteth to hold him,
 Thiſts ladder to hold him,
 Before it be told him,
 he ſals without thiſt.

4 Leſt many ſhould feare me,
 And others forſweare me,
 Of troth I doe beare me,
 vpright as ye ſee:
 Full minded to loue all,
 And not to reprove all,
 But onelie to moue all,
 god huswines to bee.

5 For

To the Reader.

- 5 For if I should mind some,
 Or descant behind some,
 And misting to find some,
 Displease so I mought:
 Or if I should blend them,
 And so to offend them,
 What stir I should send them,
 I stand in a doubt.
- 6 Though harmles ye make it,
 And some doe well take it,
 If others forsake it,
 What pleasure were that?
 Naught else but to paine me,
 And nothing to gaine me,
 But make them dissaime me,
 I wot ner for what.
- 7 Least some make a triall,
 As clocke by the diall,
 Some stand to deniall,
 Some murmur and grudge,
- Giue iudgement I pray you,
 For iustlie so may you,
 So fanlie so say you,
 I make you my iudge.
- 8 In time ye shall trie me,
 By troth ye shall spie me,
 So find so set by me,
 according to skill:
 How euer treé groweth,
 The fruit the treé showeth,
 Your Ladiship knoweth,
 my hart and god will.
- 9 Thogh fortune doth measure,
 And I doe lacke treasure,
 Yet if I may pleasure,
 your Honour with this:
 When will me to mend it,
 Or mend yer ye send it,
 Or any where lend it,
 if ought be amis.

Your Ladiships seruant,

Thomas Tusser.

¶ To the Reader.

- 1 Now listen good huswiues, what doings are heere,
 set forth for a day, as it should for a yeere:
 Both easie to follow, and soone to atchiue,
 for such as by huswiferie, looketh to thriue.
- 2 The forenoone affaires, till dinner (with some)
 then after noone doings, till supper time come:
 With breakfast and dinner time, sup and to bed,
 stands orderlie placed, to quiet thine hed.
- 3 The meaning is this, for a day what ye see,
 that monthlie and yeerlie continued must bee:
 And hereby to gather (as proue I intend)
 that huswifellie matters, haue neuer an end.

- 4 I haue not by heare-fay, noꝝ reading in booke,
fet out (peraduenture) that fome can not brooke:
Noꝝ yet of a fpite, to be doing with enie,
but fuch as haue fared me, manie a penie.
- 5 If widow both hufwife, and hufband may be,
what caufe hath a widower, leffer than fhe?
Tis needfull that both of them, looke well about,
too carelefle within, and too lazie without.
- 6 Now therefore, if well ye confider of this,
what lofles and crofles, comes daillie annis:
Then beare with a widowers pen, as ye may,
though hufbands of hufwiferie, fomewhat doe fay.

¶ The peface to the booke of
Hufwiferie.

- 1 **T**ake weapon away, of what force is a man?
Take hufwife from hufband, and what is he than?
- 2 As louers doe couet, together to dwell,
So hufbandrie loueth, good hufwiferie well.
- 3 Though hufbandrie feemeth, to bring in the gains,
Yet hufwiferie labours, feeme equall in pains.
- 4 Some refpite to hufbands, the weather may fend,
But hufwiues affaires, haue neuer an end.

As true as thy faith,
Thus hufwiferie faith.

Serue foꝝ a day, foꝝ a weeke, foꝝ a yeeꝛe,
Foꝝ life time, foꝝ euer, while man dwelleth here.
Foꝝ richer foꝝ poꝛer, from north to the fouth,
Foꝝ honeft, foꝝ hardhed, foꝝ daintie of mouth.
Foꝝ wed and vnwedded, in ficknelle and health,
Foꝝ all that well liueth, in god common-wealth.
Foꝝ citie foꝝ countrie, foꝝ court and foꝝ cart,
To quiet the head, and to comfort the hart.

The
praise of
hufwife-
rie.

* A defcription of Hufwife and
Hufwiferie.

Of hufwife dooth hufwiferie chalenge that name,
of hufwiferie hufwife dooth likewise the fame.

Where

Instructions to Huswiferie.

Where husband and husbandrie, ioineeth with cheafe,
there wealthingesse gotten, is holden with ease.

2 The name of a huswife, what is it to say?
the wife of the house, to the husband a stay:
If huswife dooth that, as belongeth to hir,
if husband be godlie, there needeth no stir.

3 The huswife is she, that to labour dooth fall,
the labour of hir, I doo huswiferie call:
If thurst by that labour, be honestlie got,
then is it good huswiferie, else is it not.

4 The woman, the name of a huswife dooth win,
by keeping hir house, and of dooings therein:
And she that with husband, will quietlie dwell,
must thinke on this lesson, and follow it well.

¶ Instructions to Huswiferie.

Serue God is the furst,
True loue is not wurst.

1 **A** Dailie good lesson, of huswife in deed,
is God to remember, the better to speed.

2 An other good lesson, of huswiferie thought,
is huswife with husband, to liue as they ought.

Wife comelie no greefe,
Man out, huswife cheefe.

3 Though tricklie to see to, be gallant to wiue,
yet comelie and wise, is the huswife to thiue.

4 When husband is absent, let huswife be cheefe,
and soke to their labour, that eateth hir beefe.

Both our not allow,
Keepe house huswife thow.

5 Where husband and huswife, be both out of place,
there seruants doo loiter, and reason their cace.

6 The huswife so named (of keeping the house)
must tend on hir profit, as cat on the mouse.

Seeke home for rest,
For home is the best.

7 As huswiues keepe home, and be stirrers about,
so speedeth their winnings, the peere thorow out.

8 Though

8 Though home be but homelie, yet huswife is taught,
that home hath no fellow, to such as haue ought.

¶ Vse all with skill,
Aske what ye will.

9 Good vsage with knowledge, and quiet withall,
makes huswife to shine, as the sunne on the wall.

10 What husband refuseth, all comelie to haue,
that hath a good huswife, all willing to saue.

Be readie at need,
All thine to feed.

11 The case of good huswiues, thus daffie dooth stand,
what euer shall chance, to be readie at hand.

12 This care hath a huswife, all day in hie hed,
that all thing in season, be huswifelle fed.

By practise go muse,
How household to vse.

13 Dame practise is she, that to huswife dooth tell,
which way for to gouerne, hie familie well.

14 Use labourers gentlie, keepe this as a lawe,
Make child to be ciuill, keepe seruant in awe.

Who carelesse doo liue,
Offense thereby giue.

15 Haue euerie where, a respect to thy waies,
that none of thy life, any slander may raies.

16 What many doo knowe, though a time it be hid,
at length will abrode, when a mischife shall bid.

No neighbour reprocue,
Doo as to haue looue.

17 The loue of thy neighbour, shall stand thee in stead,
the power, the gladder, to helpe at a need.

18 Use friendly thy neighbour, else trust him in this,
as he hath thy friendship, so trust vnto his.

¶ Strike nothing vnknowne,
Take heed to thine owne.

19 Reuenge not thy wrath, vpon any mans beast,
least thine by like malice, be bid to like feast.

20 What husband prouideth, with monie his drudge,
the huswife must looke to, which way it dooth trudge.

¶ A

¶ A note of cocke-crowing.

Now out of the matter, this lesson I ad,
concerning cocke-crowing, what profit is had :
Experience teacheth, as true as a clocke,
how winter night passeth, by marking the cocke.

Cocke croweth at midnight, times few aboute six,
with pause to his neighbour, to answer betwix :
At thre a clocke thicker, and then as ye knowe,
like all in to Battens neere day they doo crowe.

Cocke-
crowing.

At midnight, at thre, and an houre per day,
they utter their language, as well as they may:
Which who so regardeth, what counsell they giue,
will better loue cocke-crowing, as long as they liue.

For being afraid,
Take heed good maid:
Marke crowing of cocke,
For feare of a knocke.

¶ *The first cocke croweth.*

Ho, dame it is midnight: what rumbling is that?

The next cocke croweth.

Take heed to false harlots, and more, ye wot what.

If noise ye heare,
Looke all be cleare:
Least drabs doo noy thee,
And theeues destroy thee.

¶ *The first cocke croweth.*

Maids, thre a clocke, kneed, lay your bucks, or go hretw,

The next cocke croweth.

And cobbler and botch, ye that can not buy new.

Till cocke crow agen,
Both maidens and men:
Amend with speed,
That mending dooth need.

¶ *The first cocke croweth.*

Pass siue a clocke, holla: maid, sleeping betware,

The next cocke croweth.

Least quicklie your mistresse vncouer your bare.

Maids

Maids vp I beseech yee,
Least mistres doo breech yee:
To worke and away,
As fast as ye may.

¶ *Huswiferie.*

Morning workes.

No sooner vp,
But nose in cup.

- 1 **G**et vp in the morning, as soone as thou wilt,
With ouerlong slugging, good seruant is spilt.
- 2 Some flouens from sleeping, no sooner get vp,
but hand is in amblye, and nose in the cup.

That earlie is donne,
Count huswifelie wonne.

- 3 Some worke in the morning, may trimlie be donne,
that all the day after, can hardlie be wonne.
- 4 Good husband without, it is needfull there bee,
good huswife within, as needfull as hee.

Cast dust into yard,
And spin and go card.

Morning
workes.

- 5 Sluts corners auoided, shall further thy health,
much time about trifles, shall hinder thy wealth.
- 6 Set some to pæle hempe, or else rishes to twine,
to spin and to card, or to seething of byne.

Grind malt for drinke,
See meat doo not stinke.

- 7 Set some about cattell, some pasture to beu,
some mault to be grinding, against ye doo brew.
- 8 Some corneth, some byneth, some will not be taught,
where meat is attainted, there cookerie is naught.

¶ *Breakfast dooings.*

To breakfast that come,
Giue erie one some.

- 1 Call seruant to breakfast, by day starre appeere,
a snatch and to worke, fellowes loiter not heere.

Break-
fast.

2 Let

- 2 Let huswife be caruer, let portage be heat,
a messe to ech one, with a morzell of meat.
No more tittle tattle,
Go serue your cattle.
- 3 What tacke in a pudding, saith greedie gut wynger,
Blue such ye wote what, yer a pudding be finger.
- 4 Let seruants once serued, thy cattell go serue,
least often ill seruing, make cattell to serue.

¶ *Huswifelic admonitions.*

¶ Thee for
thyne.

Learne you that will thee,
This lesson of mee,

- 1 No breakfast of custome, prouide for to saue,
but onely for such as deserueth to haue.
- 2 No shewing of seruant, what vittels in store,
shew seruant his labour, and shew him no more.
Of hauocke beware,
Cat nothing will spare.
- 3 Where all thing is common, what needeth a hutch?
where wanteth a sauer, there hauocke is much.
- 4 Where window is open, cat maketh a fray,
yet wild cat with two legs, is worse by my say.
Looke well vnto thine,
Slut slothfull must whine.
- 5 An eie in a corner, who vseth to haue,
reuealeth a drab, and preuenteth a knaue.
- 6 Make maid to be clenlie, or make hir crie creake,
and teach hir to stir, when hir mistresse dooth speake.
Let hollie wand threat,
Let fizgig be beat.
- 7 A wand in thine hand, though ye fight not at all,
makes youth to their businesse, the better to fall.
- 8 For feare of scoule had I wist, cause thee to waile,
let fizgig be taught, to shut doore after taile.
Too easie the wicket,
Will still appease clicket.
- 9 With hir that will clicket, make danger to cope,
least quicklie hir wicket, seeme easie to ope.

10 As rood little mendeth, where maners be spilt,
so naught will be naught, say and doo what thou wilt.
Fight seldome ye shall,
But vse not to brall.

11 Such hwalling with seruant, what man can abide?
pay home when thou fighrest, but loue not to chide.

12 As order is heauenlie, where quiet is had,
so erroꝝ is hell, oꝝ a mischiefe as bad.
What better a lawe,
Than subiects in awe?

13 Such awe as a warning, will cause to beware,
doth make the whole household, the better to fare.

14 The lesse of thy counsell, thy seruants doo knowe,
Their dutie the better, such seruants shall shoue.
Good musicke regard,
Good seruants reward.

15 Such seruants are ofteneft painfull and good,
that sing in their labour, as birds in the wood.

16 Good seruants hope iustly, some friendship to feele,
and looke to haue fauour, what time they doo weele.
By once or twise,
Tis time to be wise.

17 Take runagate Robin, to pitie his need,
and looke to be filched, as sure as thy creed.

18 Take warning by once, that a worse doo not hap,
foresight is the stopper, of many a gap.
Some change for a shift,
Oft change small thrift.

19 Make few of thy counsell, to change for the best,
least one that is trudging, infecteth the rest.

20 The stone that is rolling, can gather no mosse,
for maister and seruant, oft changing is losse.
Both liberall sticketh,
Some prouender pricketh.

21 One dog for a hog, and one cat for a mouse,
one readie to giue, is ynough in a house.

22 One gift ill accepted, keepe next in thy purse,
whom prouender pricketh, are often the worse.

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¶ Brewing.

One libe-
rall.

¶ *Brewing.*

Brew somewhat for thine,
Else bring vp no swine.

- Brewing.** 1 Where brewing is needfull, be brewer thy selfe,
what filleth the roose, will helpe furnish the selfe.
2 In buieng of drinke, buy the firkin or pot,
the tallie ariseth, but hoy amendes not.
Well brewed, worth cost,
Ill yfed, halfe lost.
3 One bushell well brewed outlasteth some twaine,
and saueth both malt and expenses in vaine.
4 Too new is no profit, too stale is as bad,
drinke dead or else sower, makes laborer sad.
Remember good Gill,
Take paine with thy swill.
Seething of grains. 5 Seeth graines in moze water, while graines be yet hot,
and stirre them in copper as poredge in pot.
6 Such heating with straw, to haue offall good store,
both pleaseeth and easeeth, what would ye haue moze?

¶ *Baking.*

New bread is a driuell,
Much crust is as euill.

- Baking.** 1 New bread is a waster, but mouldie is worse,
what that way dog catcheth, that loseth the purse.
2 Much dowe-bake I praise not, much crust is as ill,
the meane is the Huswife, say nay if ye will.

¶ *Cookerie.*

Good cookerie craueth,
Good turnbroch saueth.

- Cookerie.** 1 Good cooke to dresse dinner, to bake and to bue,
deserues a reward being honest and true.
2 Good diligent turnbroch and trustie withall,
is sometime as needfull as some in the hall.

¶ *Dairie.*

Good dairie dooth pleasure,
Ill dairie spends treasure.

- Dairie.** 1 Good huswife in dairie that needs not be told,
deserueth hir fee to be paid hir in gold.

Of scowring, and washing.

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- 2 All seruant neglecting what huswiferie saies,
deserueth hir fee to be paid hir with baies,
Good droy woorth much,
Marke sluts and such.
- 3 Good droy to serue hog, to helpe wash, and to milke,
more needfull is trullie, than some in their silke.
- 4 Though homelie be mulker, let cleanlie be cooke,
for a slut and a slouen be knowne by their looke.
In dairie no cat,
Laie bane for a rat.
- 5 Though cat (a good mouser) dooth dwell in a house,
yet euer in dairie haue trap for a mouse.
- 6 Take heed how thou laiest, the bane for the rats,
for poisoning of seruant, thy selfe and thy bzats.

Traps
for rats.

¶ Scowring.

No scowring for pride,
Spare kettle whole side.

- 1 Though scowring be needfull, yet scowring too much, is pride without profit, and robbeth thine hutch.
- 2 Keepe kettles from knocks, set tubs out of sun,
for mending is costlie, and crackt is soone dun.

Scow-
ring.

¶ Washing.

Take heed when ye wash,
Else run in the lash.

- 1 Maids, wash well, and wryng well, but beat ye wot how, washing.
if anie lacke beating, I feare it be you.
- 2 In washing by hand, haue an eie to thy boll,
for launders and millers, be quicke of their toll.
Drie sun, drie wind,
Safe bind, safe find.
- 3 Go wash well saith summer, with sunne I shall drie,
go wryng well saith winter, with wind so shall I.
- 4 To trust without heed, is to venter a ioint,
grie tale and take count, is a huswifellie point.
Where manie be packing,
Are manie things lacking.
- 5 Where hens fall a cackling, take heed to their nest,
when drabs fall a whilpyng, take heed to the rest.

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of Malting and Dinner matters.

- 6 Through negligent huswives, are many things lacking,
and gillet suspected, will quicklie be packing.

¶ *Malting.*

Ill malting is theft,
Wood dride hath a weft.

- Malting.* 1 House may be so handsome, and skilfulnesse such,
to make thy owne malt, it shall profit thee much.
2 Some drieth with straw, and some drieth with wood,
wood asketh more charge, and nothing so good.
Take heed to the kell,
Sing out as a bell.
3 Be sure no chances, to fier can draso,
the wood or the furzen, the brake or the strato.
4 Let gillet be linging, it dooth verie well,
to keepe hir from sleeping, and burning the kell.
Best dride best speeds,
Ill kept bowd breeds.
5 Malt being well speered, the more it will cast,
malt being well dried, the longer will last.
6 Long kept in ill sollar (undoubted thou shalt)
through botwds without nuber, lose quickly thy malt.

¶ *Dinner matters.*

For hunger or thirst,
Serue cattell well first.

*Dinner
time.*

- 1 By noone see your dinner, be readie and neat,
let meat tarrie seruant, not seruant his meat.
2 Plough cattle a baiting, call seruant to dinner,
the thicker together, the charges the thinner.
Together is best,
For hostis and gest.
3 Due season is best, altogether is gay,
dispatch hath no fellow, make short and away.
4 Beware of gill laggoole, disordering thy house,
no dainties who catcheth, than craftie fed moule?
Let such haue ynough,
That follow the plough.
5 Giue seruant no dainties, but giue him ynough,
too many chaps walking, doe begger the plough.

After noone works.

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- 6 Doye seggons halfe starued, worke faintlie and dull,
and lubbers doe lofter, their bellies too full.

Giue neuer too much,
To lazie and such.

- 7 Feed lazie that threseth, a flap and a tap,
like slothfull, that alway be stopping a gap.

- 8 Some litherlie lubber, more eateth than two,
yet leaueth vndone, that another will do.

Where nothing will last,
Spare such as thou hast.

- 9 Some cutteth thy linnen, some spoileth their broth,
bare table to some, dooth as well as a cloth.

- 10 Greene dishes be homely, and yet not to lacke,
Where stone is no lasser, take tankard and sacke.

Knap boy on the thums,
And saue him his crums.

- 11 That pewter is neuer, for manerlie feasts,
which daily doth serue, so vnnanerlie beasts.

- 12 Some gnaweth & leaueth, some crusts & some crums,
eat such their own leuings, or gnaw their own thums.

Serue God euer furst,
Take nothing at wurst.

- 13 At dinner, at supper, at morning, at night,
giue thanks vnto God, for his gifts so in sight.

- 14 Good husband and huswife, will sometime alone,
make shift with a morsell, and picke of a bone.

Enough thou art told,
Too much will not hold.

- 15 Three dishes well dyessed, and welcome withall,
both please thy friend, and becommeth thine hall.

- 16 Enough is a plentie, too much is a pride,
the plough with ill holding, goes quicklie aside.

¶ After noone workes.

Make companie breake,
Go cherish the weake.

- 1 When dinner is ended, set seruants to worke,
and follow such fellows, as loueth to lurke.

After
noone
workes.

- 2 To seruant in sicknesse see nothing ye grutch,
a thing of a trifle shall comfort him mutch.
Who manie doo feed,
Saue much they had need.
- 3 But chippings in drippings, vse parings to saue,
fat capons or chickens that lookest to haue.
- 4 Saue droppings and skimmings, how euer ye doo,
for medicine for cattell, for cart, and for shoo.
Leane capon vnmeet,
Deere fed is vnsweet.
- 5 Such ofcoone as comneth, giue wiue to hir see,
feed willinglie such as doo helpe to feed thee.
- 6 Though fat fed is daintie, yet this I thee warne,
be cunning in fattning for robbing thy barne.
Peece hole to defend,
Things timely amend.
- 7 Good semsters be sowing of fine pretie knacks,
good huswifes be mending and peeing their sacks.
- 8 Though making and mending be huswifely waies,
yet mending in time is the huswife to praies.
Buy new as is meet,
Marke blanket and sheet.
- 9 Though ladies may rend and buy new ery day,
good huswifes must mend, and buy new as they may.
- 10 Call quarterly seruants, to court and to leet,
wyte euerie couerlet, blanket, and sheet.
Shift flouenlie elfe,
Be gailer thy selfe.
- 11 Though shifting too oft be a theefe in a house,
yet shift slut and flouen for feare of a louse.
- 12 Graunt doubtfull no key of his chamber in purse,
least chamber doore lockt, be to theeuerie a nurse.
Saue fethers for gest,
These other rob chest.
- 13 Saue wing for a thessether, when gander dooth die,
saue feathers of all thing the softer to lie.
- 14 Much spice is a theefe, so is candle and fier,
sweete sauce is as craftie as euer was frier.

Some
feathers.

Wife

Euening works.

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Wife make thine owne candle,
Spare pennie to handle.

- 15 **P**rouide for thy tallow, yer frost commeth in,
and make thine owne candle yer winter begin.
- 16 **I**f pennie for all thing be suffered to trudge,
trust long not to pennie, to haue him thy drudge.

**Candle
making.**

¶ Euening works.

Time drawing to night,
See all things go right.

- 1 **W**hen hennes go to roost, go in hand to dresse meate,
serue hogs, and to milking, and some to serue neate,
- 2 **W**here twaine be ynow, be not serued with thre,
moze knaues in a companie woosler they bee.

**Euening
wozkes.**

Make lackie to trudge,
Make seruant thy drudge.

- 3 **F**or euerie trifle leaue ianting thy nag,
but rather make lackie of Jacke boie thy wag.

- 4 **M**ake seruant at night lug in wood or a log,
let none come in emptie, but slut and thy dog.

Falsse knaue readie preft,
All safe is the best.

- 5 **W**here pullen vse nightlie, to pearch in the yard,
there two legged foxes, keepe watches and ward.

- 6 **S**ee cattle well serued, without and within,
and all things at quiet, yer supper begin.

Take heed it is needfull,
True pittie is meedfull.

- 7 **N**o clothes in garden, no trinkets without,
no doze leaue unbolted, for feare of a dout.

- 8 **T**hou woman whom pitie becommeth the best,
graunt all that hath laboured, due time to take rest.

¶ Supper matters.

Vie mirth and good woord,
At bed and at boord.

- 1 **P**rouide for thy husband, to make him good cheere,
make merrie togither, while time ye be heere.

- 2 **A**t bed and at bozd, howsoeuer befall,
what euer God sendeth be merrie withall.

**Supper
time hus-
wiferie.**

After supper matters.

No bralling make,

No gelousie take.

3 No talents before seruants, for hindring of fame,
no iarring too lowd, for auoiding of shame.

4 As franſie and heresie, roueth together,
ſo gelouſie leadeth, a ſoule ye wot whither.

Tend ſuch as ye haue,

Stop talkatiue knaue.

5 Yong children and chickens, would euer be eating,
good ſeruants looke dulle, for gentle intreating.

6 No ſeruant at table, vſe lawfly to talke,
leaſt toong ſet at large, out of meaſure doe walke.

No ſnatching at all,

Sirſ harken now all.

7 No lurching, no ſnatching, no ſtriuing at all,
leaſt one go without, and another haue all.

8 Declare after ſupper, take heed thereunto,
what worke in the morning, ech ſeruant ſhall doe.

¶ After ſupper matters.

Thy ſoule hath a clog,

Forget not thy dog.

workes
after ſup-
per.

1 Remember thoſe children, whole parents be poore,
which hunger, yet dare not craue at thy doore.

2 Thy bandog that ſerueth, for diuers miſhaps,
forget not to giue him, thy bones and thy ſcraps.

Make keies to be keepers,

To bed ye ſleepers.

3 Where mouthes be many, to ſpend that thou haſt,
let keies to be keepers, for ſpending too faſt.

4 To bed after ſupper, let droulie go ſleepe,
leaſt knaue in the darke, to his marrow doe creepe.

Keepe keies as thy life,

Feare candle good wife.

5 Such keies lay by ſafe, yet ye take ye to reſt,
of dairie, of buttrie, of cupbord and cheſt.

6 Feare candle in halloft, in barne, and in ſhed,
feare flea ſmocke & mendbyæch, for burning their bed.

See.

The plowmans feasting daies.

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See doores lockt fast,
Two keies make wast.

- 7 A doore without locke, is a bait for a knaue,
a locke without key, is a foole that will haue.
8 One key to two locks, if it breake is a greefe,
two keies to one locke, in the end is a theefe.

Night works troubles hed,
Locke doores and to bed.

- 9 The day willeth done, whatsoeuer ye bid,
the night is a theefe, if ye take not good hld.
10 Wash dishes, lay leauens, saue fire and away,
locke doores and to bed, a good huswife will say.
To bed know thy guise,
To rise doo likewise.

- 11 In winter at nine, and in summer at ten,
to bed after supper, both maidens and men.

Bed time

- 12 In winter at fīue a clocke, seruant arise,
in summer at foure, is verie good guise.

Time to
rise.

Loue as ye may,
Loue manie a day.

- 13 Be looly not sullen, if ought go amisse,
what wressing may loole thee, that win with a kisse:
14 Both beare and forbeare, now and then as ye may,
then wench God a mercie, thy husband will say.

¶ The plowmans feasting daies.

This would not be slept,
Old guise must be kept.

- 1 God huswīues, whom God hath enriched ynough,
forget not the feastes, that belong to the plough:
The meaning is onelic, to ioy and be glad,
for comfort with labour, is fit to be had.

Plough Monday.

- 2 Plough Monday, next after that Twelstide is past,
bids out with the plough, the worst husband is last:
If plowman get hatchet, or whip to the skreene,
maids loseth their cocke, if no water be seene.

Leicester
shire.

Shroftide.

Shroftide.

Essex and 3 At Shroftide to shrouing, go thresh the fat hen,
Suffolke if blindfold can kill hir, then giue it thy men:
Hais, fritters and pancakes, ynow see ye make,
let slut haue one pancake, for companie sake.

Sheepe shearing.

North- 4 Wile make vs a dinner, spare flesh neither come,
hampton make wafers and cakes, for our sheepe must be shorne:
shire. At sheepe shearing neighbours none other thing craue,
but good cheere and welcome, like neighbours to haue.

The wake day.

Leicester 5 Fill ouen full of flatwines, Ginnie passe not for sleepe,
shire. to morrow thy father, his wake day will keepe:
Then euerie wanton, may danle at hir will,
both Tomkin with Tomlin, and Jankin with Gail.

Haruest home.

6 For all this good feasting, yet art thou not lose,
till ploughman thou giuest, his haruest home gose:
Though gose go in stubble, I passe not for that,
let gose haue a gose, be she leane be she fat.

Seed cake.

Essex and 7 Wile sometime this weeke, if the weather hold cleere,
Suffolke an end of wheat sowing, we make for this yeere:
Remember thou therefore, though I doo it not,
the seed cake, the pasties, and fumentie pot.

Twise a weeke roast.

8 Good ploughmen looke weekelie, of custome and right,
for roastmeat on sundaies, and thursdaies at night:
This dooing and keeping, such custome and guise,
they call thee good huswife, they loue thee likewise.

¶ Good huswifelie

physike.

G Dd huswife prouides, yer an sicknes doo come,
of sundrie good things, in hir house to haue some:
God aqua composita, and vineger tart,
Rose water and freake, to comfort thine hart.

Cold

Good motherlie nūserie.

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Cold herbs in hir garden, for agues that burne,
that ouer strong heat, to god temper may turne.
White endiue and suckerie, with spinage ynough,
all such with good pot herbs, should follow the plough.
Get water of fumitorie, liuer to cole,
and others the like, or else lie like a sole.
Conserues of barbarie, quinces and such,
with sirops that easeth, the sicklie so much.
Aske Medicus counsell, yer medicine ye make,
and honour that man for necessities sake.
Though thousands hate physicke, because of the cost,
yet thousands it helpeth, that else should be lost.
God broth and god keeping, do much now and than,
god diet with wisdom, best comforteth man.
In health to be stirring, shall profit the best,
in sicknesse hate trouble, seeke quiet and rest.
Remember thy soule, let no fancies preuaile,
make readie to Godward, let faith neuer quaille.
The sooner thy selfe thou submittest to God,
the sooner he ceaseth, to scourge with his rod.

Physician

God diet

Thinke
on thy
soule, and
haue a
good hope.

¶ Good motherlie nūserie.

God huswiues take paine, and do count it good lucke,
to make their owne best, their owne child to giue sucke.
Though wralling and rocking be noisome so neare,
Yet lost by ill nursing, is woeful to heare.
But one thing I warne thee, let huswife be nurse,
least husband do find thee, too franke with his purse.
What hilbacke and filbellie, maketh away,
that helpe to make good, or else loke for a fray.
Giue child that is fitlie, giue babie the big,
giue hardnes to yquish, and to roperipe a twig.
We find it not spoken so often for naught,
that children were better, vnborne than vntaught.
Some cocknies with cocking, are made verie soles,
fit neither for prentise, for plough, nor for scholes.

Teach

Of good and euill Huswiferie.

Teach childe to aske blessing, serue God, and to church,
then blesse as a mother, else blesse him with burch.
Thou huswife thus dowing, what further shall need:
but all men to call thee, god mother in deed.

¶ Thinke on the poore.

Remember the poze, that for Gods sake do call,
for God both rewardeth, and blesseth withall:
Take this in god part, whatsoeuer thou bee,
and wisly me no worse, than I wisly to thee.

*¶ A comparison betweene good
huswiferie and euill.*

Comparing together, good huswife and bad,
The knowledge of either, the better is had.

Ill huswiferie lieth,
till nine of the clocke:
Good huswiferie trieth,
to rise with the cocke.

2 **I**ll huswiferie tooteth,
to make hir selfe bzaue:
Good huswiferie looketh,
what household must haue.

3 **I**ll huswiferie trusteth,
to him and to hir:
Good huswiferie lusteth,
hir selfe for to stir.

4 **I**ll huswiferie careth,
for this nor for that:
Good huswiferie spareth,
for feare ye wot what.

5 **I**ll huswiferie pricketh,
hir selfe vp in pride:
Good huswiferie tricketh,
hir house as a byde.

6 **I**ll huswiferie othing,
or other must craue:
Good huswiferie nothing
but needfull will craue.

7 **I**ll huswiferie moueth,
with gossyp to spend:
Good huswiferie loueth,
hir household to tend.

8 **I**ll huswiferie wanteth,
with spending too fast:
Good huswiferie canteth,
the lenger to last.

9 **I**ll huswiferie easeeth,
hir selfe with vnknowne:
Good huswiferie pleaseeth,
hir selfe with hir owne.

10 **I**ll huswiferie brooketh,
mad toies in hir hed:
Good huswiferie looketh,
that all things be sed.

11 **I**ll huswiferie bringeth,
a shilling to naught:
Good huswiferie singeth,
hir cofers full fraught.

12 **I**ll huswiferie rendeth,
and casteth aside:
Good huswiferie mendeth,
else would it go wide.

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| <p>13 Ill huswiferie sweapeth,
hir linen to gage:
Good huswiferie keepeth,
to serue hir in age.</p> <p>14 Ill huswiferie craueth,
in secret to borrow:
Good huswiferie saueth,
to day for to morrow.</p> | <p>15 Ill huswiferie pineth,
not hauing to eat:
Good huswiferie dineth,
with plentie of meat.</p> <p>16 Ill huswiferie letteth,
the diuell take all.
Good huswiferie setteth,
good bag of a small.</p> |
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Good huswife good fame hath, of best in the towne:
Ill huswife ill name hath, of euerie clowne.

Thus endeth the booke of Huswiferie.

For men a perfect warning,
How child shall come by larning.

All you that faine would learne the perfect way,
To haue your child, in musike something sene:
Aske nature first, what thereto she dooth say,
Per further suit, ye make to such a queene.
For doubtlesse *Grossum caput*, is not he,
Of whom the learned muses sene will be.

2 Once tride that nature trim hath done hir part,
And ladie musike, farre in loue withall:
Be wise who first, dooth teach thy child that art,
Least homelie breaker, mar fine ambling ball.
Pot rod in mad brains hand, is that can helpe,
But gentle skill, dooth make the proper helpe.

3 Where choise is hard, count good for well a fine,
Skill mirt with will, is he that teacheth best:
Let this suffice, for teaching child of thine,
Chose quicklie well, for all the lingring rest.
Pissought at first, how seldome proueth well:
Trim taught, O God, how thozlie dooth excell:

4 Although as ships, must tarie wind and tide,
And perfect howers, abide their stinted time:
So likewise, though of learning dastie tride,
Space must be had, per wit may thereto cline.

A womans age described.

Yet easie steps, and perfect way to trust,
Doth cause good speed, confesse of force we must.

5 Thus in the child, though wit ynough we find,
And teacher good néere hand, or other where:
And time as apt, as may be thought with mind,
For cause in such thing, much to doubt or feare.
Yet cocking mams, and thisting dads from scholes,
Makes pregnant wits, to proue vnlearned soles.

6 Per learning come, to haue first art thou taught,
Apt learning child, apt time, then thing to frame:
Apt cuning man to teach, else all is naught,
Apt parents, glad to bring to passe the same.
On such apt ground, the Muses loue to build,
This lesson learne, adue else learned child.

¶ The description of a womans age by
vj. times xiiij. yeeres prentiship, with
a lesson to the same.

14 Two first seuen yeeres, for a rod they do whine,
28 Two next, as a perle in the worlde they do shine,
42 Two next, trim beautie beginneth to swerue,
56 Two next, for matrones or brydges they serue,
70 Two next, doth craue a staffe for a stay,
48 Two next, a béere to fetch them away.

¶ Lesson. ¶ Then purchase some pelfe,
¶ by fiftie and three:
¶ Or buckle thy selfe,
¶ a drudge for to bee.

* The Inholders posie.

A T meales my friend who bitteth here, & sitteth with his host,
Shall both be sure of better chere, and scape with lesser cost.
But he that will attendance haue, a chamber by himselfe,
Must more regard what pains do craue, than pas of worldly pelf.
Let no man looke to purchase linne, with pinching by the way,
But lay befoze he takes his Anne, to make his purse to pay.

For nothing pay, & nothing pray, in Anne it is the guise, [tolle.
Where no point gaine, there no point paine, thinke this if you be
For toiling much, & spoiling more, great cost smal gains or none,
Don lets thine host at needams thore, to craue the begers bone.
For seeing this, come day or night, take vp what place ye please,
Use mine as thine, let fortune spight, and boldlie take thine ease.

¶ Certaine Table lessons.

Friend, eat lesse and drinke lesse, and buy thee a knife,
else looke for a caruer not alway too rife:
Some kniuelesse there daggers for haucie doo weare,
that often for sursetting, need not to feare.
2 At dinner and supper, the table dooth craue,
good fellowlie neighbour, good maners to haue :
Aduise thee well therefore, ycr twong be too free,
or slapsaue be noted, too saucie to bee.
3 If anie thing wanteth or seemeth amis,
to call for, or shew it, good maner it is :
But busie fault-finder, and saucie withall,
is roissing like russen, no maner at all.
4 Some cutteth the napkin, some trenchers will nicke,
some sheweth like follie in manie a tricke :
Let such apish bodie, so tolong at meat,
go toy with his nodie, like ape in the streat.
5 Some commeth vsent for, not for the good cheere,
but sent as a spiall, to listen and heere :
Which being once knowne, for a knaue let him go,
for knaue will be knauish, his nature is so.

¶ Lessons for waiting seruants.

Obe diligent seruiture, skilfull to weight,
more comelieth thy table, than other some right :
That stand for to listen, or gazing about,
not minding their dutie, within nor without.
2 Such waiter is faultie, that standeth so by,
vnmindfull of seruice, forgetting his ey:

Posies for diuerse roomes.

- If maister to such, giue a bone for to gnaw,
 he dooth but his office, to teach such a daw.
 3 Such seruiture also, deserueth a checke,
 that runneth out fizging, with meat in his becke:
 Such rauening puttocks, for vittels so trim,
 would haue a good maister, to puttocke with him.
 4 Who daily can suffer, or else can aford,
 his meat so vp snatched, that comes from his boord?
 So tossed with cormorants, here and there some,
 and others to want it, that orderlie come?
 5 Good seruiture waieth (once dinner begon)
 what asketh attendance, and what to be don:
 So purchasing maister, a praise with the best,
 gets praise to himselfe, both of maister and gess.

¶ Husbandlie posies for the hall.

- Friend, here I dwell, and here I haue a little worldly pelse,
 Which on my friend I keepe to spend, as well as on my selfe.
 2 What euer fare you hap to find, take welcome for the best,
 That hauing then disdaine thou not, for wanting of the rest.
 3 Backbiting talk that flatering blabs, kno willy how to blenge,
 The wise doth note, the fiend doth hate, the enimie will reuenge.
 4 The wise will spend, or giue or lend, yet keepe to haue in store,
 If soles may haue from hand to mouth, they passe vpon no more.
 5 Where ease is sought at last we see, there plentie wareth scant,
 Who careles liues go bozow must, or else full often want.
 6 The world doth think, the welshie man, is he that lest shall need,
 But true it is, the godlie man is he that best shall speed.

¶ Posies for the parlour.

- As hatred is the serpents noisome rod,
 So friendship is the louing gift of God.
 2 The drunken friend is friendship verie euill,
 The frantike friend is friendship for the deuill.
 3 The quiet friend all one in word and deed,
 Great comfort is, like readie gold at need.

4 With bralling ſol's, that wꝛall for euerie wꝛong,
Firme friendſhip neuer can continue long.

5 In tyme that man, ſhall ſeldome friendſhip miſ,
That waitth what thing, tuch kept in friendſhip is.

6 Oft times a friend, is got with eaſie coſt,
Which uſed euill, is oft as quicklie loſt.

7 Haſt thou a friend, as heart may wiſh at will,
Then uſe him ſo to haue his friendſhip ſtill.

8 Wouldſt haue a friend, wouldſt know what friend is beſt?
Haue God thy friend, who paſſeth all the reſt.

¶ Poſies for the gheſts chamber.

The flouen and the careles man, the roiniſh nothing nice,
To lodge in chamber comly deckt, be ſeldom ſuffred twice.

2 With curten ſome make ſcaberd clene, with couerlet their ſhow,
All dirt and mire ſome wallow bed, as ſpanniels uſe to do.

3 Though boots & ſpurs be nere ſo foule, what paſſeth ſome theron:
What place they foule, or thing they teare by tumbling ther vpon.

4 Foule male ſome caſt on ſater woꝛd, be carpet nere ſo clene,
What maners careles maiſter hath, by knaue his man is ſene.

5 Some make the chimnie chamber pot, to ſmell like filthy ſinke,
Yet who ſo bold, ſo ſone to ſay, ſough, how theſe houſes ſinke?

6 They therfore ſuch as make no force, what comly thing to ſpill,
Muſt haue a cabben like themſelues, although againſt their will.

7 But gentlemen will gently do, where gentlenes is the wd,
Obſeruing this, with loue abide, or elſe hence all beſetwd.

¶ Poſies for thine owne bedchamber.

What wiſdom more, what better life, than pleaſeth god to ſend:
What woꝛldly goods, what longer uſe, than pleaſeth god to lend:

2 What better fare, than well content, agreeing with thy welth:
What better gheſt, than truſtie friend, in ſicknes and in helth:

3 What better bed, than conſcience god, to paſſe the night with
What better woꝛk, than daily care, fro ſin thy ſelf to keepe: (ſleepe:

4 What better thought, than thinke on God, & daily him to ſerue:
What better giſt than to the poꝛe, that readie be to ſerue:

Points Of religion.

5 What greater praise of God and man, than mercie for to shew:
who mercies, shall merrie find, that mercie shewes: & few:

6 What worse despaire, than loth to die, for feare to go is hell:
that greater faith, than trust in God, through Christ in heauen to
(dwell:

¶ A Sonet to the Ladie Paget.

Some pleasures take,
and cannot giue,
but only make,
poore thanks their shift:
Some meaning well,
in debt doe liue,
and cannot tell,
how else to shift.

Some knocke and faine,
would ope the doore,
to learne the vaine,
good turne to praise:

Some shew good face,
and be but poore,
yet haue a grace,
good fame to raise.

Some owe and giue,
yet still in det,
and so must liue,
for aught I know:

Some wish to pay,
and cannot get,
but night and day,
still more must owe.

Euen so must I, for seruice past,
Still wish you good, while life doth last.

¶ Principall points of religion.

- 1 To praie to God continually,
To learue to know him rightfully.
- 2 To honour God in Trinitie,
- 3 The Trinitie in vnitie,
The Father in his maiestie,
The Sonne in his humanitie,
The Holie-ghosts benignitie,
Three persons, one in Deitie.
- 4 To serue him alway holily,
- 5 To aske him all things needfully,
- 6 To praise him in all companie,
- 7 To loue him alway hartily,
- 8 To dread him alway christianly,

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- 9 To aske him mercie penitently,
 - 10 To trust him alway faithfully,
 - 11 To obey him alway willingly,
 - 12 To abide him alway patiently,
 - 13 To thanke him alway thankfully,
 - 14 To liue here alway vertuously,
 - 15 To vse thy neighbour honestly,
 - 16 To looke for death still presently,
 - 17 To helpe the poore in miserie,
 - 18 To hope for heauens felicitie,
 - 19 To haue faith hope and charitie,
 - 20 To count this life but vanitie,
- Be points of Christianitie.

¶ The Authors beleefe.

This is my stedfast Creed, my faith, and all my trust,
 That in the heuens there is a God, most mightie mild & iust: God the
 A God aboute all gods, a King aboute all kings, Father,
 The Lord of lords, chiefe gouernour, of heauen & earthly things.

2 That power hath of life, of death, of heauen and hell, Maker of
 That all things made as pleaseth him, so wonderfull to tell: heauen.
 That made the hanging skies, so deckt with diuerse lights,
 Of darknes made the chierfull daies, and all our restfull nights.

3 That clad this earth with herbe, with trees and sundrie fruits, The
 With beast, with bird, both wild & tame, of strange & sundry sorts: earth.
 That intermirt the same, with mines like veins of ore,
 Of siluer, gold, of pretious stones, and treasures manie more.

4 That ioined brookes to dales, to hills fresh water springs, The wa-
 With riuers sweet along the meeds, to profit manie things: ters.
 That made the hoarie frosts, the flakie snowes so trim, Frost and
 The honte delues, the blustering winds, to serue as pleaseth him. snow.

5 That made the surging seas, in course to eb and flo, The seas.
 That skilfull man with sailing ship, might trauell to and fro:
 And stoyed so the same, for mans vnthankfull sake,
 That euerie nation vnder heauen, might thereby profit take.

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6 That

- The soule of man.** 6 That gaue to man a soule, with reason how to liue,
That doth to him and all things else, his blessings dailie giue:
That is not seene, yet seeth, how man doth run his race,
Whose daily worke both good & bad, stand knowne before his face.
- Thunder and plagues.** 7 That sendeth thundring claps, like terrours out of hell,
That man may know a God there is, y^e in the heauens do dwell:
That sendeth threathing plagues, to keepe our liues in awe,
His benefits if we forget, or do contemne his lawe.
- Fall of mercie.** 8 That dailie hateth sinne, and loueth vertue well,
And is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israell:
That doth displeasure take, when we his lawes offend,
And yet amid his heauie wrath, his mercie doth extend.
- Christ the sonne.** 9 This is that Lord of hosts, the father of vs all,
The maker of what'er was made, my God on whom I call:
Which for the loue of man, sent downe his onelie sonne,
Begot of him before the world, were any what begonne.
- Christ birth.** 10 This entred Marias wombe, as saith affirmeth sure,
Conceiued by the Holie-ghost, borne of that virgin pure:
This was both God and man, of Iewes the hoped king,
And liued here saue onelie sinne, like man in euerie thing.
- Christ our Messias.** 11 This is that virgins child, that same most holie Priest,
The lamb of God, the prophet great, who scripture calleth Christ:
This that Messias was, of whom the prophet spake,
That should tread downe the serpents head, & our atonement make.
- Christ passion.** 12 This Judas did betray, to false dissembling Iewes,
Which vnto Pilat being iudge, did falselie him accuse:
Who (through that wicked iudge) and of those Iewes despight,
Condemned and tormented was, with all the force they might.
- 13 To liuing twight more euill, what could such wretches do:
More pearcing wounds, more bitter pains, than they did put him
They crowned him with thorne, y^e was the king of kings: (for
That sought to saue the soule of man, aboue all worldly things.
- Christ death.** 14 This was that paschall lambe, whose loue for vs so stood,
That on the mount of Caluarie, for vs did shed his blood:
Where hanging on the crosse, no shame he did forsake,
Till death giuen him by pearcing speare, an end of life did make.
- 15 This

15 This Ioseph ſeeing dead, the bodie thence did craue,
And toke it forthwith from the croſſe, and laid it in his graue:
Downe thence he went to hell, in viſing there his will,
His power I meane, his ſtained corpe in tome remaining ſill.

Chriſts
buriall.
Chriſts
deſcenſio.

16 From death to life againe, the third day he did riſe,
And ſcene on earth to his elect, times oft in ſundrie wiſe:
And after into heauen, aſcend he did in ſight,
Aud ſitteth on the right hand there, of God the father of might.

Chriſts
reſurrec-
tion.
Chriſts
aſcenſion.

17 Where for vs wretches all, his father he doth pray,
To haue reſpect vnto his death, and put our ſinnes away:
From thence with ſounded trump, which noiſe all fleſh ſhal dread,
He ſhall returne with glorie againe, to iudge the quicke and dead.

Chriſt
ſhall be
our iudge.

18 Then ſhall that voice be heard, Come come ye god to me,
Hence hence to hell you workers euill, where pain ſhall euer be:
This is that louing Chriſt, whom I my ſauiour call,
And onelie put my truſt in him, and in none elſe at all.

The iud-
ges ſen-
tence.

19 In God the Holie-ghoſt, I ſirmelie do beleue,
Which from the father and the ſonne, a bleſſed life doth geue:
Which by the prophets ſpake, which doth all comfort ſend,
Which I do truſt ſhall be my guide, when this my life ſhall end.

God the
Holie-ghoſt

20 A holie catholike Church, on earth I grant there is,
And thoſe which frame their liues by that, ſhall neuer do amis:
The head whereof is Chriſt, his word the cheefeſt poſt,
Preſeruer of this temple great, is God the Holie-ghoſt.

The Ca-
tholike
Church.

21 I do not doubt there is, a multitude of ſaints,
More god is don reſembling them, than telling them our plaints:
Their faith and works in Chriſt, that glorie them did giue,
Which glorie we ſhall likewiſe haue, if likewiſe we do liue.

The Co-
munion of
ſaints.

22 At God of heauen there is forgueneſſe of our ſinnes,
Through Chriſts death, through faith in it, and through none other
If we repentant here, his mercie daile crane,
Through ſtedfaſt hope & faith in Chriſt, forgueneſſe we ſhall haue.

Forgiue-
neſſe of
ſinnes.

23 I hope and truſt vpon the riſing of the fleſh,
This corpe of mine that firſt muſt die, ſhall riſe againe a freſh:
The ſoule and bodie euen then, in one ſhall ioined be,
As Chriſt did riſe from death to life, eue ſo through Chriſt ſhal we.

Mans re-
ſurrectio.

Life euer-
lasting.

24 As Christ is glorified, and neuer more shall die,
As Christ ascended into heauen, through Christ euen so shall I :
As Christ I count my head, and I a member of his,
So God I trust for Christs sake, shall settle me in blis.

Thus here we learne of God, that there be persons three,
The Father, Sonne, and Holie-ghost, one God in trinitie:
In substance all like one, one God, one Lord, one might,
Whose persons yet we doe diuide, and so we may by right.

As God the Father is, the maker of vs all,
So God the Sonne redeemer is, to whom for helpe we call :
And God the Holie-ghost, the soule of man doth win,
By mouing hir to waile for grace, ashamed of hir sin.

This is that God of gods, whom euerie soule should loue,
Whom all mens harts should quake for feare, his wrath on them
That this same mightie God, aboue all other these, [to moue:
Shall saue my soule from dolefull hell, is all my whole belæse.)

¶ Of the omnipotencie of God and debilitie of man.

O God thou glorious God, what god is like to thee ?
What life, what strength is like to thine, as al the world may
The heauens, the earth, the seas, and all thy works therein, (see:
Do thew (to whom thou wouldest to know) what thou hast euer bin.

2 But all the thoughts of man, are bent to wretched euill,
Man doth commit idolatrie, bewitched of the deuill :
What euill is left vndone, where man may haue his will ?
Man euer was an hypocrite, and so continues still.

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signifie.

3 What dailie watch is made, the soule of man to flee,
By Lucifer, by Belzabub, Mammon, and Asmodea :
In diuelish pride, in wrath, in coueting too much,
In fleshlie lust the time is spent, the life of man is such.

4 The toy that man hath here, is as a sparke of fire,
His acts be like the smolozing smoke, himselfe like dirt and mire:
His strength euen as a reed, his age much like the flower,
His breath or life is but a puffe, vncertaine euerie hower.

5 But

5 But for the Holie-ghost, and for his gifts of grace,
The death of Christ thy mercie great, man were in wofull case:
O grant vs therefore Lord, t amend that is amisse,
And when from hence we do depart, to rest with thee in blisse.

*Eleemosyna prodest homini in vita, in
morte, & post mortem.*

Out of S. Augustine.

For onelie loue of God, more Christian like to lue,
And for a zeale to helpe the poore, thine almes daily giue:
Let gift no glorie loke, nor euill possesse thy mind,
And for a truth these profits thre, through almes shalt thou find.

*Of almes
deeds.*

1 First, here the Holie-ghost, shall dastie through his grace,
Provoke thee to repentant life, Gods mercie to embrace.
2 Of goods and friends (by death) when thou thy leaue must take,
Thine almes does shall claspe thy soule, and neuer it forsake.
3 When God shall after death, call sone for thine account,
Thine almes then through faith in Christ, shall all things els sur-
But yet for any deed, put thou no trust therein, [mount.
But put thy trust in God (through Christ) to pardon thee thy sin.
For else as cackling hen, with noise heuozates hir nest,
Euen so go thou and blaze thy deeds, and lose thou all the rest.

Malus homo; Out of S. Augustine.

Of naughtie man I read, two sundrie thyngs are ment,
Thy one is man, thy other naught, which ought him to repent.
The man we ought to loue, bicause of much therein,
The euill in him we ought to hate, enen as a filthy sin.
So doth thy daily sinnes, the heauenlie Lord offend,
But when thou dost repent the same, his wrath is at an end.

*¶ Of two sorts of men, the one good, and
the other bad, out of S. Augustine.*

Since first the world began, there was and shall be still,
Of humane kind two sundrie sorts, thy one good and thy other ill:
Which till the iudgement day, shall here together dwell,
But then the good shall vp to heauen, the bad shall do gone to hell.

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Diabolo

Saint Barnards verses.

*Diabolo cum resistitur, est ut formica: cum verò eius
suggestio recipitur, fortis est ut leo.*

Out of S. Augustine.

When satan we resist, a pismire shall he be,
But when we seeme to giue him place, a lion then is he.

*¶ Eight of Saint Barnards verses, both in Latine
and English, with one note to
shew both.*

I Cuius mundus militat, sub vana gloria,
Cuius prosperitas, est transitoria?
Tam citò labitur, eius potentia,
Quàm vasa figuli, quæ sunt fragilia.

1 Why so triumphs the world, in pompe and glorie vaine,
Whose state so happie thought, so fickle doth remaine?
Whose brauerie flipprie stands, and doth so sone decay,
As doth the potters pan, compact of brittle clay.

2 Plus crede literis, scriptis in glacie,
Quàm mundi fragilis, vanæ fallacia,
Fallax in præmijs, virtutis specie,
Quæ nunquàm habuit, tempus fiducia.

2 More credit see thou giue, to letters wrote in ice,
Than vnto vaine deceit, of brittle words deceit:
In gifts to vertue due, beguiling manie one,
Yet those, same neuer haue, long time to hope vpon.

3 Magis credendum est, viris fallacibus,
Quàm mundi miseris prosperitatibus,
Falsis insanijs & voluptatibus,
Falsis quoque studijs & vanitatibus.

3 To false dissembling men, more trust is to be had,
Than to the prosperous state, of wretched world so bad:
What with voluptuousnes, and other maddish toies,
False studies won with paine, false vanities and toies.

4 Dic vbi *Salomon*, olim tam nobilis?
Vel vbi *Samson* est, dux inuincibilis?
Vel dulcis *Yonathas*, multum amabilis?
Vel pulcher *Abolon*, vultu mirabilis?

4 Tell where is Salomon, that once so noble was?
 Where now Samson is, in strength whom none could pas?
 Where worthy Ionathas, that prince so louelic bold?
 Where later Absolon, so goodlie to behold?

5 Quò *Cæsar* abiit, celsus imperio?
 Vel *Dives* splendidus, totus in prandio?
 Dic vbi *Tullius*, clarus eloquio?
 Vel *Aristoteles*, summus ingenio?

5 Shew whither is *Cæsar* gone, which conquerd far and nêre?
 Where that rich famous Carle, so giuen to bellie chere?
 Shew where is Tullie now, for eloquence so fit?
 Where *Aristoteles*, of such a pregnant wit?

6 O esca vermium! ô massa pulueris!
 O ros! ô vanitas! cur sic extolleris?
 Ignoras penitus, vtrum cras vixeris,
 Fac bonum omnibus, quàm diu poteris.

6 Thou sit bait for wormes! Thou great heape of dust!
 O dew! O vanitie! why so extolst thy lust?
 Thou therefore ignorant, what time thou hast to liue,
 Doe good to erie man, while here thou hast to giue.

7 Quàm breue festum est, hæc mundi gloria,
 Vt ymbra hominis, sic eius gaudia,
 Quæ semper subtrahit, æterna præmia,
 Et ducunt hominem, ad dura deuia.

7 How short a feast (to count) is this same worlde renowned?
 Such as mens shadowes be, such toies it brings to towne:
 Which alway plucketh vs, from Gods eternall blis,
 And leadeth man to hell, a iust reward of his.

8 Hæc mundi gloria, quæ magni penditur,
 Sacris in literis, flos scæni dicitur,
 Vt leue folium, quod vento rapitur,
 Sic vita hominum; hæc vita tollitur.

8 The vanities of this worlde, esteemed here so much,
 In Scripture likened is, to floure of grasse and such:
 Like as the leafe so light, through wind abroad is blowne,
 So life in this our life, full soone is ouerthrowne.

¶ Of the Authors linked verses
departing from the court to
the countrie.

- M** Use not my friend to find me here,
Contented with this meane estate:
And seeme to doe with willing chere,
That courtier dooth so deable hate.
- 2 And yet of force to learne anew;
Would much abash the dulled braine:
I craue to iudge if this be trew,
The truant child that knoweth the paine.
- 3 No, no, God wot, to disagree,
Is ventring all to make or mar:
If fortune frowne we dailie see,
It is not best to strue too far.
- 4 From daintie court to countrie fare,
Too daintie fed is diet strange:
From cities soy to countrie care,
Too skillesse folke is homelie change.
- 5 If courtlie change so breaketh will,
That countrie life must serue the turne:
What profit then in struing still,
Against the picke to seme to spurne?
- 6 What gaine I though I doe repent,
My crutches all are broke and gon:
My wonted friends, are careles bent,
They feare no chance I chance vpon.
- 7 Now if I take in worth my lot,
That fatall chance dooth force me to:
If ye be friends vpbraid me not,
But vse a friend as friends should do.
- For fortunes loke,
Hath changed hew:
And I my boke,
Must learne anew.
But where a spight,
Of force must bee:
What is that wight,
May disagree?
For lordlie bent,
Must learne to spare:
And be content,
With countrie fare.
Where need yet can,
None other skill:
Sometime poze man,
Must bzeake his will.
If court with cart,
Must be content:
What ease to hart,
Though mind repent?
As need dooth make,
Old age to trot:
So must I take,
In worth my lot.
Behold the horse,
Must trudge for pelfe:
And yet of forse,
Content it selfe.

¶ The Authors life.

Epodiam.

Now gentle frind, if thou be kind,
Will daine thou not, although the lot,
Will now with me, no better be,
than dooth appere:

For let it grieve, that thus I live,
But rather gesse, for quietnesse,
As others doe, so doe I too,
content me here.

2 By leave and loue, of God above,
I mind to shew, in verses few,
How through the byers, my youthfull yeeres,
haue run their race:
And further say, why thus I stay,
And mind to liue, as Bee in hie,
Full bent to spend, my life t' an end,
in this same place.

3 It came to pas, that bozne I was,
Of linage good, and gentle blood,
In Essex laier, in village laier,
that Riuenhall hight:
Which village lide, by Bancktree lide,
There spend did I, mine infancie,
There then my name, in honest fame,
remaind in sight.

4 I yet but young, no speech of toong,
For teares withall, that often fall,
From mothers eies, when child out cries,
to part hir fro:
Could pitie make, good father take,
But out I must, to long be thrust,
Say what I would, doe what I could,
his mind was so.

5 O painefull time, for euerie crime,
What tooled eares? like baited beares?
What bobbed lips? what yerks what nips?
what hellish toies?
What robes how bare? what colledge fare?
What bread, how stale? what pennie ale?
Then Walsingford, how wert thou abhord
of filie toies?

6 Thence for my voice, I must (no choice)
Away of forse, like posting horse,

Bozne at
Riuenhal
in Essex.

Set to
long
schale.

Quira-
ters mi-
serie.

walling-
ford col-
ledge.

Singling
mens co-
missions.

For

For sundrie men, had placards then,
such child to take:

The better best, the lesser rest,
To serue the quære, now there now heere,
For time so spent, I may repent,
and sorrow make.

John
Redford
an excel-
lent Mu-
sician.

7 But marke the chance, my selfe to vance,
By friendships lot, to Daules I got,
So found I grace, a certaine space,
still to remaine:

With Redford there, the like no where,
For cunning such, and vertue much,
By whom some part, of mulicke art,
so did I gaine.

Nicho-
las Udall
schoolma-
ster at
Eaton.

8 From Daules I went, to Eaton sent,
To learne streight waies, the Latine phraies,
Where fittie thre, stripes giuen to mee,
at once I had:

For fault but small, or none at all,
It came to pas, thus beat I was,
See Udall see, the mercie of thee,
to me poore lad.

Trinitie
hall in
Cambridge.

9 From London hence, to Cambridge thence,
With thanks to thee, O Trinitie,
That to thy hall, so passing all,
I got at last:

There ioy I felt, there trim I dwelt,
There heauen from hell, I shifted well,
With learned men, a number then,
the time I past.

Quar-
tain ague.

10 Long sickness had, then was I glad,
To leaue my booke, to proue and looke,
In court what gaine, by taking paine,
mought well be found:

Lord Pa-
get god
to his ser-
uants,

Lord Paget than, that Noble man,
Whose soule I trust, is with the iust,
That same was hee, enriched me,
with manie a pound.

11 When this betide, good parents bide,
One after one, till both were gone,
Whose petigree, who list may see,
in Harolds booke:
Whose soules in blis, be long yet this,
For hope we must, as God is iust,
So here that craue, shall mercie haue,
that mercie looke.

The hope
we haue
of þ dead.

12 By Court I spide, and ten yeres tride,
That cards and dice, with Venus vice,
And peeuish pride, from vertue wide,
with some so wraught:
That Tiburne play, made them away,
O! beggers skate, as ill to hate,
By such like euils, I saw such dreuils,
to come to naught.

The vi-
ces of the
court.

13 Yet is it not, to be forgot,
In court that some, to worship come,
And some in time, to honour clime,
and speede full well:
Some haue such gift, that trim they shift,
Some profit make, by paines they take,
In perill much, though oft are such,
in court that dwell.

The
court co-
mended.

14 When court gan frown, and strife in town,
And lords and knights, saw heauie sights,
Then tooke I wife, and led my life,
in Suffolke soile:
There was I faine, my selfe to traine,
To learne too long, the farmers song,
For hope of pelfe, like worldly else,
to moile and toile.

The no-
bilitie at
variance
in Ed-
ward the
6. daies.

Katwade

15 As in this booke, who list to looke,
Of husbandrie, and huswiferie,
There may be find, moze of my mind,
concerning this:
To carke and care, and euer bare,
With losse and paine, to little gaine,

At Kat-
wade in
Suffolke
this booke
first deu-
ised.

With

With shifts to saue, to cram sic knaue,
what life it is.

16 When wife could not, through sickness got,
Boze toile abide, so nigh sea side,
Then thought I best, from toile to rest,
and Ipswich trie:

Ipswich
comended

A towne of price, like paradise,
For quiet then, and honest men,
There was I glad, much friendship had,
a time to lie.

The death
of his first
wife.

17 There left good wife, this present life,
And there left I, house charges lie,
For glad was he, might lend for me,
good lucke so stood:

In Suffolke there, where euerie where,
Euen of the best, besides the rest,
That neuer did, their friendship hld,
to doo me good.

New ma-
ried in
Norfolke.

18 O Suffolke thou, content thee now,
That hadst the praies, in those same daies,
For squiers and knights, that well delights,
good house to keepe:

For Norfolke wiles, so full of guiles,
Haue caught my toe, by wiuing so,
That out to thee, I see for mee,
no waie to craepe.

Mistres
Amie
Hone.

19 For lo, through gile, what haps the while,
Through Venus toies, in hope of toies,
I chanced soone, to finde a Hone,
of cheerefull hew:

Which well and fine, me thought did shine,
And neuer change, a thing most strange,
Yet kept in sight, hir courle aright,
and compass trew.

The
charges
following
a young
wife.

20 Behold of truth, with wife in youth,
For ioy at large, what dailie charge,
Through childzens hap, what opened gap,
to more begun:

The child at nurse, to rob the purse,
The same to wed, to trouble hed,
For pleasure rare, such endlesse care,
hath husband won.

21 Then did I dwell, in Diram cell,
A place for wood, that trimlie stood,
With flesh and fish, as heart would wish,
but when I spide:

That lord with lord, could not accord,
But now pound he, and now pound we,
Then left I all, because such bzall,
I list not bide.

22 O Southwell what, meanest thou by that,
Thou worthie wight, thou famous knight,
So me to craue, and to thy graue,
go by and by?

O death thou so, why didst thou so,
Ungentlie treat, that ietwell great,
Which opt his dooze, to rich and poore,
so bountiously?

23 There thus bestad, when leaue I had,
By death of him, to sinke or swim,
And rauens I saw, together draw,
in such a sort:

Then waies I sought, by wisdom taught,
To beare low saile, least stocke should quaille,
Till ship might find, with prosperous wind,
some safer port.

24 At length by view, to shore I drew,
Discharging straight, both ship and freight,
At Norwich fine, for me and mine,
a citie trim:

Where strangers well, may seeme to dwell,
That pitch and pay, or keepe their day,
But who that want, shall find it scant,
so good for him.

25 But Salisburie how, were kept my voto,
If praise from thee, were kept by mee,

Thou

west Dic-
ram ab-
bey.

Land-
lords at
variance.

Sir Ri-
chard
South-
well.

His bij.
executors

Norwich
Ctie.

Norwich
qualities.

Maister
Salisbu-

rie deane
of Nor-
wich.

Thou gentle deane, mine onelie meane,
there then to liue:
Though churles such some, to craue can come,
And pray once got, regard thee not,
Yet liue or die, so will not I,
example giue.

In 138.
houres
I neuer
made
drop of
water.

26 When learned men, could there nor then,
Deuise to swage, the stormie rage,
Nor yet the furie, of my dissurie,
that long I had:
From Norwich aire, in great despaire,
Away to flie, or else to die,
To seeke more helth, to seeke more welth,
then was I glad.

Faiersted
parso-
nage in
Essex.

27 From thence so sent, away I went,
With sicknes wome, as one forlozne,
To house my hed, at Faiersted,
where whiles I dwelt:
The tithing life, the tithing strife,
Through tithing ill, of Jacke and Gill,
The daillie paies, the mierie waies,
too long I felt.

Lease for
parsons
life.

28 When charges grew, still new and new,
And that I spide, if parson olde,
(All hope in vaine) to hope for gaine,
I might go dance:
Once rid my hand, of parsonage land,
Thence by and by, away went I,
To London straight, to hope and waight,
for better chance.

London
commen-
ded.

29 Well London well, that bearest the bell,
Of praise about, England throughout,
And doost in deed, to such as need,
much kindnes shew:
Who that with thee, can hardly agree,
Nor can well prais, thy friendlie waies,
Shall friendship find, to please his mind,
in places few.

Un-
christis
order.

30 As for such matres, as vertue hates,
O he or thay, that go so gay,
That needs he must, take ad of trust,
for him and his:

Though such for two, by Lothburie go,
For being spide, about Cheape-side,
Least Hercers bookes, for manicholers,
small matter it is.

31 When gaines was gon, and yeres grew on,
And death did crie, from London ile,
In Cambridge then, I found agen,
a resting plot:

The
plague at
London.

In Colledge best, of all the rest,
With thanks to thee, O Trinitie,
Through thee and thine, for me and mine,
some stay I got.

Trinitie
colledge
in Cam-
bridge.

32 Since hap haps so, let toiling go,
Let seruing paines, yeeld forth his gaines,
Let courtlie gifts, with wedding gifts,
helpe now to lide:
Let musicke win, let stocke come in,
Let wisdom keue, let reason serue,
For here I craue, such end to haue,
as God shall giue.

Youth ill
spent
makes
age repēt.

33 Thus friends by me, perceiue may ye,
That gentrie stands, not all by lands,
Nor all so fast, or plentie left,
by parents gift:

Flieson
for you-
ger by o-
thers.

But now and then, of gentlemen,
The yonger sonne, is diuen to romme,
And glad to seeke, from creeke to creeke,
to come by thrist.

34 And moze by this, to conser is,
In world is set, ynough to get,
But where and whan, that scarcely can,
the wisest tell:

A true
kesson.

By learning some, to riches come,
By ship and plough, some get ynough,

And some so wiue, that trim they thriue,
and speed full well.

Hardnes
in youth
not the
worst.

35 To this before, adde one thing more,
Youth hardnes taught, with knowledge wrought,
Most apt doe proue, to shift and shoue,
among the best:

Cocking
of youth
not the
best.

Where cocking dadd, make satocie lads,
In youth so rage, to beg in age,
Or else to fetch a Taberne stretch,
among the rest.

Not pride
but welch
in age
needfull.

36 Not rampish tole, of girls and boys,
Nor garment trim, of hir or him,
In childhood spent, to fond image,
good end dooth frame:

If marke we shall, the summe of all,

The end it is, that noted is,

Which if it hide, with vertue tride,

deserue th fame.

37 When all is donne, learne this my sonne,

Not friend nor skill, nor wit at will,

Nor ship nor clod, but onely God,

dooth all in all:

Man
dooth la-
bor and
God dooth
blesse.

Han taketh paine, God giueth gaine,

Han dooth his best, God dooth the rest,

Han well intends, God forzon lends,

else want he shall.

A conten-
ted mind
is worst
all.

38 Some seeke for welch, I seeke my helth,

Some seeke to please, I seeke mine ease,

Some seeke to saue, I seeke to haue,

to liue vpright:

More than to ride, with pompe and pride,

Or for to iet, in others det,

Such is my skill, and shall be still,

for anie wight.

39 Too fond were I, here thus to lie,

Unless that welch, might further helth,

And profit some, should thereby come,

to helpe withall:

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This causeth mee, well pleased to bee,
Such drift to make, such life to take,
Infoling mind, remoyse to find,
as need, need shall.

40 Friend all thing waite, that here is said,
And being got, that paies the shot,
We thinke of right, haue leaue I might,
(death drawing neere:)

To seeke some waies, my God to praies,
And mercie craue, in time to haue,
And for the rest, what he thinks best,
to suffer heere.

Happy
that liues
well, vns
happy &
lies enill,

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